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## Assad asks Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad last week asked the head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria and go to Iran, knowledgeable sources say.

Jibril to leave Damascus because he feels the domestic climate in the US is growing increasingly angry over terrorism in the wake of the bombing of US soldiers in Dahran, Saudi Arabia, and the crash of TWA Flight 800 last month. Syria remains on the US State Department Terrorism list, but publicly disassociates itself from terrorism.

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Jibril reportedly participated in a June meeting in Teheran along with members of Hizbullah and an Egyptian Islamic militant group. At the meeting he expressed interest in carrying out attacks against American interests.

Dahran attack. But there has been greater nervousness in Syria in the wake of allegations by American and non-American sources that at least five trucks filled with explosives travelled through Syrian soil, and have either made their way to different countries in the Gulf or to the Jordanian-Saudi border in the last few months.

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### US, Israel, Egypt to hold parley in Paris tomorrow

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SENIOR US, Israeli and Egyptian officials are to hold one day of talks in Paris tomorrow to discuss what officials would only refer to as "regional developments."

The officials who are to attend the talks are those most closely involved in the Middle East peace process: US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's national security adviser Osama Baz.

An official in Jerusalem suggested that the discussions may focus on the November Cairo regional economic summit, in light of Mubarak's threat to cancel the parley unless there is progress in the peace process with the Palestinians. The official insisted that the Paris meeting would be a prelude to a visit by Foreign Minister David Levy to Cairo either this week or next in a bid to ensure that the economic summit takes place as scheduled.

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### IAF chief involved in F-14 emergency landing

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A US Navy F-14 returning OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu from a visit to the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier blew a tire on landing and skidded on the runway at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday.

Rescue vehicles cooled down the landing gear and Ben-Eliyahu and the US Navy pilot emerged unharmed, the IDF said.

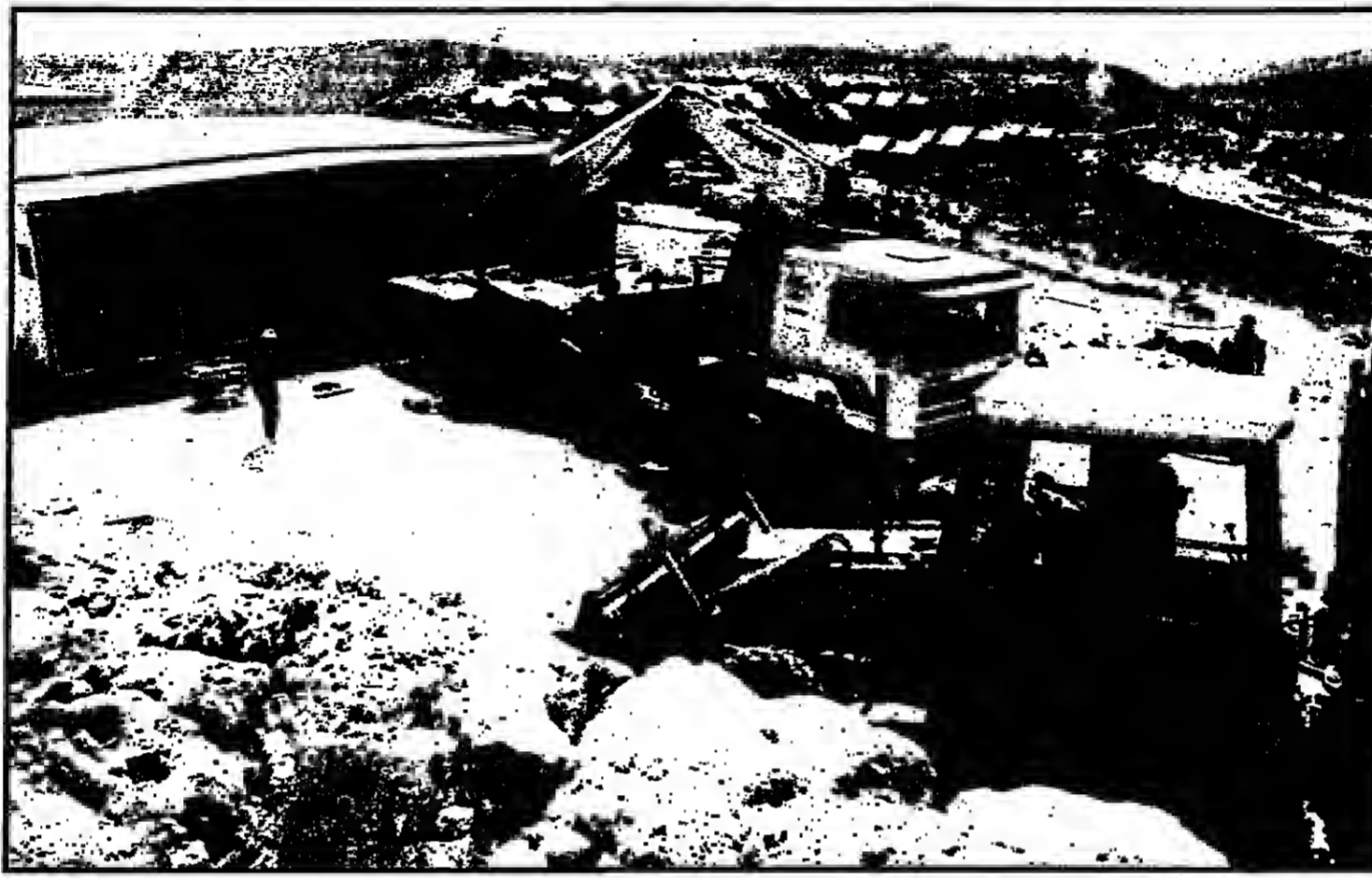
Ben-Eliyahu had just returned from observing maneuvers aboard the American aircraft carrier currently in the region.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also expected to be down to the aircraft carrier soon. The pride of the US Sixth Fleet, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is currently calling to port in Haifa, but the exercise is being conducted in international waters.

Joining Netanyahu will be the commander of the Navy, Rear Admiral Alex Tal. Together they will observe US Navy jets conducting mock attacks and staging raids.

"The message is pretty obvious. The United States and Israel are partners and we have a long and deep and full relationship and the security relationship is part of that," said Richard Scorza, spokesman for the US embassy in Tel Aviv.

He said that the visit was planned months in advance and denied that it was timed around the recent rise in verbal tensions between Israel and Syria.



New caravans are placed in Beit Hagai yesterday as part of the government's decision to ease limitations on settlements in time for the school year. (Khaled Zagher)

## Gov't sources: PA has met demand to close eastern Jerusalem offices

BILL HUTMAN

THE Palestinian Authority has informed the government that it has met the demand - one of several which Israel placed as a condition for advancing the peace process - to close three PA-affiliated offices in eastern Jerusalem, government sources said yesterday.

But there was no confirmation from the office of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, according to Wafa, the PLO's news agency which routinely carries all official announcements. "It is only a rumor, nothing more," said Wafa director Ali Hussein.

Government officials said the PA apparently continues to violate the Oslo Accords by operating Palestinian security agents in eastern Jerusalem and trying to take control of Arab schools in the city.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Channel 1 that the government was still waiting for verification of the PA's claim it had closed its offices in the city.

Khalil Toufakji, director of the

maps department of the Palestinian Geography Center, one of the offices the government demanded closed, confirmed that on Saturday he was informed by PA officials in Gaza that he must shut down his office.

Palestinian officials have for some time maintained that the demand for the closure of the Sports and Youth Department was obsolete, as the office had moved to Ramallah even before the government asked that it be shut down.

The third office the government demanded be closed, the Palestinian Vocational Center in Beit Hanina, appeared to still be in operation yesterday. Palestinian officials said the center is not connected to the PA, so the government's demand was unfounded.

Government sources said last night that in the coming days the security establishment would determine if the PA had stopped operating the offices. If any or all

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### Now it's Israel's turn

COMMENT DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE move by the Palestinians to close down their institutions in Jerusalem is expected to pave the way for Israeli concessions and progress in the peace talks.

Over the last few weeks, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his aides said that Israeli moves in Hebron and other gestures could only occur after the Palestinians closed their offices in Jerusalem.

Officially, Netanyahu's office has not reacted to the move because the General Security Service has not independently confirmed the closing of each institution. But officials admit that they know the institutions are closing, and are expecting that the Palestinian Authority Preventive Security Service headed by Jibril Rajoub will stop operating in the city in the coming days.

They are concerned, however, that if Netanyahu makes a major media event out of the move, it could only complicate matters for the PA with its own public opinion.

There have been two meetings with top PA officials in recent days, leading to speculation that the decision was taken as a result of those encounters.

There was a meeting Thursday night between Netanyahu foreign policy adviser Dore Gold and top Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). This was followed by a meeting between Netanyahu's personal friend Yitzhak Molcho and PA leader Yasser Arafat.

### PA office closure in capital only a symbolic gesture

COMMENT JON IMMANUEL

FOR Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, quietly closing two small offices in Jerusalem without an official announcement is calculated to arouse Israeli public opinion while keeping Palestinians calm.

Like the ambiguity that accompanied the cancellation of the PNC covenant, it is nonetheless an important symbolic gesture that has not gone unchallenged by Palestinians at a time when a growing number fear they are being hoodwinked by the Oslo process.

"We will make new institutions not connected to the PA. We will not leave the area empty but will provide services for the people of Jerusalem," said Haneen Abdel Khader, a Palestinian Council member who won popularity but Arafat's annoyance when he publicly announced he was opening his Jerusalem living room as an office.

Indeed, the PA's influence on education and policing in the Arab-populated areas of Jerusalem is more far-reaching than a couple of offices and uprooting such influence is also more difficult than closing the offices.

Arafat has covered himself against charges of backing down from his own side by cleverly calling for a meeting with President Ezer Weizman. His warning to Weizman that he could lose control if matters continue along present lines, is part of a strategy of going over the head of the government, which began with his first Israeli TV interview two weeks ago.

A meeting with Weizman highlights Arafat's own role as "president" of a budding "state," and it must influence the prime minister to meet with Arafat sooner rather than later.

## PM-Arafat meeting may follow Hebron deal

Weizman, Netanyahu play down rift

BATSHEVA TSUR and DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night took one step closer to meeting Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, saying he would do so if such an encounter were "substantive and not ceremonial."

But officials in the Prime Minister's Office sharply denied a Channel 1 report that such a meeting would be held in two weeks.

While one official said he foresaw no such meeting, another indicated that it would be linked to a successful conclusion of an Israeli-Palestinian deal for modified IDF redeployment in Hebron. Palestinian officials, however, say they refuse to modify terms for a Hebron pullback.

In an interview on Channel 1 last night, Netanyahu veered from his standard response since coming to power that he would only "consider" meeting Arafat if he deemed it essential for Israel's security that he do so.

Last night, he indicated that he would indeed meet Arafat, but he wanted to make sure that the meeting would be "substantive and lead to results" and not just ceremonial. The meeting "depends upon developments and not upon dates," he said, alluding to progress on the peace process.

Netanyahu made clear that once issues of Hebron and mutual recriminations about violations were resolved, this would "clear the table" and make "talks on final status" possible. Under the Oslo Accords, those talks began in May 1996 and are to be concluded three years later.

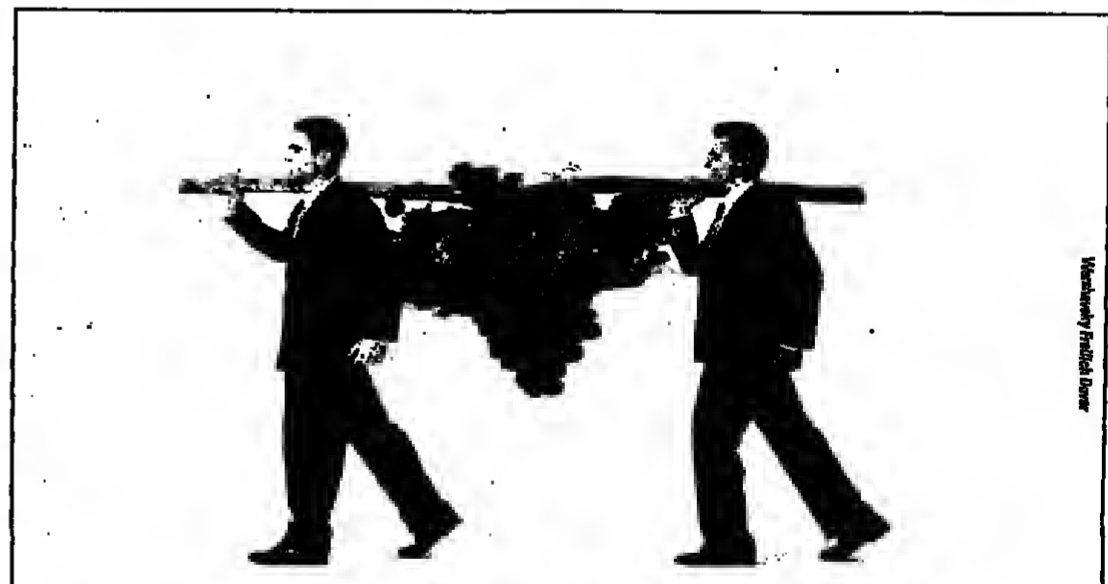
Earlier in the day, President Ezer Weizman and Netanyahu resolved a crisis between them over the peace process by announcing that Weizman would meet with Arafat, probably in the near future, while the exact time of the meeting would be fixed in consultation with Netanyahu.

Officials at the Prime Minister's Office said Netanyahu has an agreement from Weizman to link the date of the meeting to Palestinian concessions at the negotiating table, and that the prime minister will decide when that time will be.

Beit Hanassi said last night that Weizman would respond to a letter from Arafat requesting the meeting in the next few days.

Weizman and Netanyahu met in the morning at Beit Hanassi amid a media flap over a report that Weizman had insisted on inviting Arafat to his home in Caesarea unless Netanyahu agreed to meet the PA leader soon.

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# Ezra: Gov't must make more concessions to PA

EVELYN GORDON

THE government is not making enough concessions to the Palestinian Authority, and is thereby endangering PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's survival, Likud MK Gideon Ezra charged yesterday.

"We have to allow the PA to survive," Ezra said in an interview with Israel Radio. "[To do this], we need to take a series of actions. And among other things, we need to give honor to the person who heads the PA, who has very serious internal problems of his own."

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* later, Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Service, said he did not think the specific issue of whether Netanyahu met Arafat was in itself important. However, he said, the government must give the PA something substantial if it wants "to realize its own desires in Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem."

"Arafat, to do what we want from him, must have the public support to do so — and I think we are taking this support away from him," he explained.

"We must give the Palestinians everything that doesn't cost us in blood," he continued. "What's important to us is the [PA's] commitment to fight terror... And for them to continue to hold all their terrorist citizens in jail, they must be able to provide answers [to their people] on other issues."

Ezra stopped short of saying the government should immediately

implement a full redeployment from Hebron, but insisted that it take a decisive action on the issue.

Ezra also said he believes the main condition Israel should impose should be that the PA must arrest everyone whom Israel wants arrested. In addition, he said, it should be made clear that Kiryat Arba and the Jewish settlements in Hebron are one unit, and that they will remain under Israeli control.

Even on the anti-terror issue, there is one area where Israel must make concessions, Ezra said.

"There's one thing Israel has to understand, and that is that [the PA] won't extradite terrorist murderers to us," he explained.

Israel should take a number of other steps that "don't hurt anything," he recommended, such as easing student travel between Gaza and Judea and Samaria, letting more Palestinians go up to the Temple Mount, letting more Palestinians work in Israel and allowing Palestinian merchants to enter Israel.

David Wilder, a spokesman for the Jewish community in Hebron, rejected Ezra's comments on the city.

"We don't buy giving terrorists a second chance," he said. "We've learned the hard way that once a terrorist, always a terrorist. The security dangers we would face if armed Palestinians had control of the hills around us would be catastrophic."



IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak visits at Nahariya Government Hospital with Avishaf Shafir, the soldier who was seriously wounded in the friendly fire incident in Lebanon last week. Shafir briefed Shahak on the incident, in which his comrade Valery Ganzman was killed after the patrol was divided in two and one group fired on the other. Asked if he was angry at the commander who ordered the troops to fire, Shafir said that anyone can make a mistake. "If it happened to Oren [his commander] it could happen to anyone. I've known many commanders and he's one of the best. I don't know if it was right to suspend him pending the outcome of the investigation." (IDF Spokesman)

# Hizbullah gunmen fire at IDF tank

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

HIZBULLAH gunmen fired Sagger anti-tank missiles at an IDF tank in the western sector of the security zone yesterday.

The IDF force was on operational duties near a South Lebanese Army outpost in the Bnt Jbail region which also came under mortar fire from the gunmen. There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops in the incident and no damage was caused. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

In another development, soldiers from UNIFIL's Ghaniin contingent yesterday recovered the bodies of three Palestinian gunmen killed in a clash with IDF paratroopers near Talousa, in the

central sector of the zone, over a week ago.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said the bodies were removed from the field by the soldiers and handed over to the Lebanese Red Cross.

Meanwhile, voting in the second of the five rounds of Lebanon's parliamentary elections got under way in the north of the country yesterday. This follows the first round in the predominantly Christian-populated Mount Lebanon region where opponents of the pro-Syrian government

failed to make any significant gains.

Observers reported a sharp drop in electoral abuses after charges of widespread vote-rigging in the first round.

Officials said rival campaign workers scuffled outside a polling station and a man was badly hurt in a fight in the far north region of Akkar, but there were no other reports of violence.

Last week, losing Christian opposition candidates demanded the resignation of President Elias Hrawi and Interior Minister Michel Mntr, charging widespread abuses after supporters of the pro-Syrian government won 32 of 35 seats in Mount Lebanon.

# Meretz to call for special Knesset session on failure to redeploy in Hebron

EVELYN GORDON

MERETZ is working to collect signatures from 30 MKs to force a special Knesset debate on the government's failure to redeploy in Hebron.

However, Meretz spokesman Yael Kessler said that since Meretz needs signatures from Labor to fill this quota, she doubts a completed list will be submitted until Labor is ready to call for a special session of its own on Syria. There would be no point in convening the Knesset twice, she explained.

Labor MK Haggai Merom asked his party to muster the signatures for a special session on Syria last week, but the faction decided not to make any decision on the issue until party leader Shimon Peres returns from abroad.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said his party wants the special session because reliable sources have informed him that the government does not intend to redeploy in Hebron in the coming months. Sarid charged that this

delay is due not to security factors, but rather to internal pressures from some of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition partners.

In another development, Zehava Gal-On, secretary-general of the Citizens' Rights Movement faction of Meretz, is advocating that her party increase its activities in the settlements, due to the 21% growth in support for Meretz over the Green Line in the last elections. Gal-On said the party increased from 671 votes in the territories in 1988 to 1,157 in 1992, and 1,400 in 1996. Gal-On said the party's main support is in the large secular settlements near the Green Line. In Ma'aleh Efrayim, for instance, Meretz received 9.7% of the vote, which is more than its strength in the general population (about 7.5%).

However, she added, the party even received a few votes in "ideological" settlements. It got 21 votes in Kiryat Arba, for instance, and 15 in Karnei Shomron.

# Beduin petition against resettlement plan

EVELYN GORDON

A MEMBER of the Jahalin Beduin tribe petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the site the IDF chose as the

tribe's new home. The Jahalin have been squatting

for years on land which is now slated to become a new neighborhood of Ma'ale Adumim.

In May, the High Court upheld the army's right to evict the tribe — conditional on their being provided with an alternative place to live — but gave the tribe a three-month grace period.

This grace period expires on Wednesday.

The petition, filed by attorney Linda Brayer, argues that the army has no right to transfer anyone from Area C — which under the Oslo accords is under Israel's control — to Area B, where the Palestinian Authority is responsible for civilian affairs, without the PA's consent. The tribe's old home is in Area C, while the new site, according to the petition, is in Area B.

The move is motivated, the petition charges, by the army's desire "to perform ethnic cleansing in Area C."

According to the army, the new site is in Area C, due to changes that were made in the Oslo accord maps.

However, the petition says, the army provided no proof of this assertion, and one of the army documents relating to the transfer indicates the contrary.

This document states that approval would be needed from the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Water Committee to set up a water system at the new site, and that this approval should be obtained via the PA. In Area C, no approval from the PA would be needed the petition notes.

The petition also charges that the new site is unfit for human habitation due to environmental pollution.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Netanyahu: Cairo summit still on**  
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the country's leading business people last night that the Cairo economic summit is still going ahead as planned. His comment comes after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said last week the summit will only go ahead if peace talks with the Palestinians resume. Finance Minister Dan Meridor, also addressing the Tel Aviv audience, said the government will insist on implementing the NIS 4.9 billion budget cuts next year. Speaking to reporters at the event, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel would not be drawn into talking of interest rate cuts ahead of today's monthly monetary announcement. *David Harris*

**Trans-Israel highway may be moved eastward**  
National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan agreed yesterday to examine the possibility of moving the Trans-Israel Highway eastward. Eitan brought up the idea two months ago after surveying the area designated for the road. He also suggested the possibility of putting parts of the road underground, which could also provide shelters in a state of emergency. *Itim*

**Meeting to avert teachers' strike**  
The chairman of the Secondary Schools Teachers Association, Shosh Oren, is to meet today with Treasury wage chief Yossi Kutchnik in an attempt to avert a teachers' strike on the eve of the opening of the new school year. The teachers have announced a work dispute over what they claim is an erosion in their wages and severance pay. At the same time, the national parents' association announced that it would not allow the school year to begin until arrangements were made to cover the cost of students' health services. *Itim*

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# Labor leaders blast Netanyahu for 'stalemating peace process'

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S leadership yesterday commended President Ezer Weizman for agreeing to meet Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat, and blasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for failing to do so.

Former foreign minister MK Ehud Barak said the "prime minister is living in another world. Even MKs from his own party have a better grasp of reality than he has, and are demanding he meet Arafat. Netanyahu doesn't realize that empty slogans are simply not enough when they are not backed by actions."

Barak called on Netanyahu to "awaken the peace process from its deep freeze and meet Arafat. This is what he was elected for." He warned that the absence of policy and leadership undermines the state's security, noting that "in his refusal to meet Arafat, Netanyahu is not only hurting the Palestinian Authority, but first and foremost Israel's national and security interests."

The feeling that Netanyahu is try-

ing to sabotage the progress made with the Palestinians is so strong, continued Barak, that even President Weizman couldn't keep quiet anymore.

Barak warned both Netanyahu and Arafat not to heighten the confrontation, urging both sides to "bring disagreements to the negotiating table."

Labor's response team welcomed Weizman's move. "Israel simply cannot afford Netanyahu's sulking and putting games," said MK Dalia Itzik, head of the party's response team.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid recalled that Netanyahu had been extremely pleased with Weizman's statements in the past, "saying that the president was expressing the public's feelings and desires. Therefore we must now believe that the public's feelings require a meeting between Arafat and Netanyahu." Sarid added that "whoever wanted Weizman the way he was in the previous government's term, will get him the way he is during this government's term."

## Driver killed avoiding dogs

A 34-year-old Beersheba woman was killed and five people were injured — including a month-old infant — in Beersheba yesterday when the woman hit a truck head-on. According to eyewitnesses, the woman had swerved into oncoming traffic to avoid hitting two dogs crossing the street. The truck then hit a car in which a family was traveling.

In another incident, a man was seriously injured and a pregnant woman and young child were slightly hurt in a two-car collision near Yavne yesterday. A bicycle rider was also seriously injured yesterday evening, after being hit by a car at the Ganot interchange. On the Arava highway, a truck driver was slightly injured when his vehicle overturned yesterday morning, after he veered onto the shoulder and then tried to get back onto the road. *Itim*

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### Health Ministry checking for bacteria in fish ponds

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry is to conduct lab tests of fish ponds in the north to check for contaminated water believed to be responsible for the serious illness of three people hospitalized after eating fish.

Two other people were hospitalized in recent months with the same complaint, but the ministry did not issue a warning earlier in order not to cause panic.

## 70% of sheep and cattle slaughtered illegally, warns vet

DAVID HARRIS

SEVENTY percent of the sheep and cattle slaughtered here every year, or 170,000 animals, are killed illegally in unsanitary and unsupervised conditions, chief veterinarian Amnon Shimshoni said yesterday.

Shifram Shimshoni described this practice as "astonishing," and called for the establishment of a new slaughterhouse in the North, in an attempt to eradicate such malpractice.

and sheep will be destroyed, Eitan said. He also approved Shimshoni's suggestion of the immediate construction of a new slaughterhouse.

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Kazakhstan's chief rabbi Yeshaya Cohen (right) and the rabbi of Samarkand Emmanuel Shimonov dance during festivities devoted to the cornerstone-laying of Kazakhstan's first synagogue in Almaty.

### Court upholds prisoners' right to freedom of expression

EVELYN GORDON

A PRISONER has the right to author a newspaper column, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday in a split decision.

Freedom of expression and his freedom of occupation. The Prisons Service responded that it had a general policy of preventing contact between prisoners and the press, except in special cases, because such contact gave the prisoners enormous power among both warden and fellow prisoners.

truth; some of his previous pieces spread damaging lies, the service said. Golan responded that he would restrict his pieces only to his personal experiences, and would allow the service to censor them before submitting them, but the Prisons Service rejected this offer, saying it was not equipped to perform this task.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental right, which even prisoners must enjoy, they said. This right can be limited by prison necessities, such as security needs or the protection of other prisoners, they continued, but limitations on such a fundamental right should be imposed only in cases of dire necessity.

In this case, the justices said, there is certainly nothing wrong with a prisoner writing about his experiences for the press.

## Masorti movement converted Moslems after Rabbinat refused to act

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE Masorti movement has converted several Moslems to Judaism after the Chief Rabbinat indicated that it wanted nothing to do with them, according to Rabbi Einat Ramon, spokesperson of the movement.

also refuses to deal with any prospective convert who is not white. Meanwhile, the movement is waiting for the reply of the Interior Ministry as to why it has not registered as Jews the adopted infants converted at Kibbutz Hanaton last year.

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### Survey: Israelis prefer higher cigarette tax to higher health charges

JUDY SIEGEL

NEARLY nine out of 10 Israelis - including many smokers - would prefer that cigarette taxes be hiked, instead of implementing the government's proposal to charge for a visit to a health fund doctor.

A few weeks ago, the Israel Cancer Association and Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking filed a suit in the High Court of Justice on behalf of four El Al stewards; they asked for a temporary injunction against the transportation minister demanding that smoking be banned on all Israeli flights to and from the country.

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# Fate of Chechnya peace talks uncertain as rebels attack

RUSSIA'S security chief Alexander Lebed interrupted peace talks with Chechen rebel leaders yesterday, casting doubt on the future of a political agreement they discussed to end the 20-month war.

The fate of an earlier cease-fire accord signed by Lebed and separatist commanders also appeared uncertain, with the Russians citing truce violations and a top commander refusing to meet with his Chechen counterpart.

But Lebed, who returned to Moscow from Chechnya yesterday, insisted the peace process was on track.

"The peace process is in motion," he told Associated Press Television. "The joint patrols are working, local commanders have started to withdraw troops. And on the 29th the real withdrawal will begin."

In Grozny, however, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov refused to meet with the rebel chief of staff Aslan Maskhadov, saying will not "play cat and mouse" following a rebel attack on a Russian convoy.

There were no casualties, but the rebels forced 58 servicemen to disarm, the Russian military command said. Tikhomirov demanded that all the weapons be returned, but none turned up before his planned meeting with Maskhadov

BARRY RENFREW  
GROZNY

yesterday.

Russian officers said they will halt the withdrawal of troops from the Chechen capital over the incident, the Interfax news agency reported.

Chechen and Russian units were supposed to start pulling out of Grozny yesterday according to last week's truce. Next week, the Russians are to leave several southern regions and, eventually, Chechnya altogether.

The rebels said the attack was a "provocation" by a fringe group and Maskhadov repeatedly pledged to return the weapons.

Lebed described the incident as "misunderstanding," but said it was of a principal character.

"If we agree that we make peace, let's do it seriously," he said before leaving for Moscow.

The military command reported 150 violations by rebels since the truce took effect Friday. A Russian serviceman was killed and two were wounded in Grozny overnight, and six troops were seized by rebels yesterday in southern Chechnya, it said.

Despite the disagreements, joint Russian-Chechen patrols set up under the truce patrolled the devastated Grozny yesterday, guard-

ing key intersections and other locations. Rebel members of the patrols were jubilant, but the Russians seemed subdued.

"I understand these Chechens. They're fighting for their homeland and their homes. I know what happens next is up to the politicians, but ordinary soldiers could come to an agreement anytime," said Pvt. Fyodor Cherepov, a Russian soldier.

"It's strange to be standing next to Chechen fighters, but I want to go home. My mother and my girlfriend are waiting for me," he added.

Grozny was quiet, and hundreds of refugees were returning, riding in buses and trucks or walking.

Russian army medics recovered bodies of dead soldiers in the city center, digging corpses out of the rubble around the buildings where Russian forces had been surrounded for more than two weeks after the rebels captured Grozny in early August.

Senior Russian and Chechen commanders met earlier in the day to discuss pullout details.

Some groups of Chechen fighters were seen leaving the city yesterday, but it was not clear if they were heading home on their own initiative or withdrawing under the terms of the agreement.



South Koreans, willing to wait for days, camp outside the criminal courthouse in Seoul as they attempt to gain admission to the final day of the trial of former presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo. The verdict and sentencing are due to take place today and competition for a seat in the courtroom is extremely fierce.

# South Africans still waiting to hear from the 'enforcers' of apartheid

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - South Africa's truth commission begins issuing subpoenas this week in a bid to dig beneath the political rationales and find the sinister figures who have the blood of the country's race war on their hands.

Leaders of the major parties involved, from right-wing whites to radical blacks, appeared before Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission last week to paint the broad picture of their actions for or against apartheid.

Most, including former president F.W. de Klerk and ANC deputy president Thabo Mbeki, offered apologies for mistakes they had made and accepted broad responsibility for them.

But none named those guilty of ordering or carrying out any of the gross violations of human rights which Tutu is investigating.

"I don't think one should have expected more than what one got," said human rights lawyer Brian Currin. "That was not the amnesty committee where perpetrators are expected to open their hearts and souls and to tell it all."

The commission, which has the power to grant amnesty to those who confess to abuses, has begun hearing testimony from people already in jail. But others, such as self-confessed secret police hit-squad leader Dirk Coetzee, have yet to testify.

Tutu's deputy chairman, Alex Boraine, told reporters the commission would begin issuing subpoenas to suspects who refused to appear voluntarily some time this week. He added that former hardline apartheid president P.W. Botha could be among those called.

But Currin, who is advising several people regarded as perpetrators, said this was not the best way to achieve the commission's aims.

"A person can be forced to appear, but the only way one is going to get to the truth in its totality is if people feel it is a good idea to go to the amnesty committee. At the moment this is not the case."

He cited Coetzee, who was charged with murder after confessing in media interviews to dirty tricks. His trial is due to start in December but the truth commission intends to decide on

his amnesty application before that.

Currin said the law had to be changed so all judicial prosecutions were automatically suspended for those who approached the truth commission.

Last week's submissions to the commission by the ANC, de Klerk's National Party and the right-wing Freedom Front of General Constand Viljoen left many South Africans unsatisfied.

Political scientist Jannie Gagiano said he doubted the National Party, which implemented apartheid in 1948 and began dismantling it in 1990, felt a burden of guilt.

"Therefore I have some doubts about achieving some form of reconciliation. One has to feel a bit guilty to feel the need for reconciling yourself to a historical adversary," he said.

Professor Tom Lodge of the University of the Witwatersrand demurred, saying:

"In the irritation, in the jokes, in the anger that white South Africans express about the commission, I think there's a moral uneasiness, and I think that's healthy. Responsibility is percolating downwards."

# French free 50 Africans held by police

PARIS (Reuters) - About 50 Africans seized in a raid on a Paris church, including hunger strikers, were released yesterday after a string of court victories over detention orders and a police about-turn.

The releases meant only a fraction of the 210 people arrested in the Saint-Bernard church on Friday, when the 10 hunger strikers were in the 50th day of a fast against French expulsion orders and strict immigration laws, were still in detention.

Despite the releases, many of the Africans still face the threat of expulsion. Most of the Africans are from Mali, Senegal and Zaire.

Six hunger strikers, looking drawn and tired but smiling and able to walk unaided, were released from the Vincennes detention centre east of Paris yesterday after police decided not to seek an extension of their custody in a change of policy.

Supporters cheered as they walked free.

Another three of the hunger strikers were released from hospital and a 10th had been quietly released on Saturday night, police said. Police said they planned to grant just one of the 10 a residence permit and expel

the rest.

Earlier, about 40 Africans were freed from the Vincennes detention centre on the eastern edge of Paris after a civil court ruled police had made errors in custody orders, including unauthorised signatures on documents.

They embraced friends and relatives as they left, celebrating rulings that were an embarrassment to the centre-right government.

The court that freed the 40 agreed to extend detention for only 13 other Africans. A separate court sentenced three people to jail for up to three months, with another four people getting suspended prison terms.

Four of the Africans were deported on Saturday night on a plane that flew to Mali, Senegal and Zaire as Prime Minister Alain Juppe sought to balance a crackdown on illegal immigration with a promise of greater humanity.

Airport staff in Mali dubbed the French military plane carrying the deportees, who included another 53 facing previous expulsion orders, a "flight of shame" and refused to handle it.

# Former British minister slams Clinton over Ulster peace bid

LONDON - A former British minister accused President Bill Clinton yesterday, the eve of the US Democratic convention, of exploiting the Northern Ireland peace process and putting votes before lives.

Michael Mates, a member of the ruling Conservatives who served as Britain's Northern Ireland minister from 1992 to 1993, said

Clinton had abused his power in the hopes of turning American-Irish sympathies into votes for himself in the November election.

"To the people of Northern Ireland the failure of the terrorists to end their evil trade is a continuing tragedy," Mates wrote in the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper. "To Clinton it is an opportunity for a much-needed diplomatic and elec-

toral triumph."

Mates, 62, who resigned as Northern Ireland minister amid controversy over his support for fugitive businessman Asil Nadir, accused Clinton of seeking the credit for the Anglo-Irish peace initiative in Northern Ireland.

He said the president would urge British Prime Minister John Major to allow Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, to take part in "all-party" peace talks when they resume next month.

The IRA, which favors a united Ireland, has fought a quarter-century battle to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein has been banned from the talks until the IRA reinstates a 17-month ceasefire which it ended in February with a huge bomb blast in the Docklands area of east London. This was the first of a series of bombs on the British mainland.

# Indian troops battle to save Hindu pilgrims

SRINAGAR - Indian troops with helicopters and relief supplies battled yesterday to rescue thousands of Hindu pilgrims stranded along a rugged Himalayan trail after at least 116 died from cold, officials said.

Up to 70,000 pilgrims were stranded for a fourth day at heights of up to 3,700 meters in Jammu and Kashmir state, the officials said. They were all reported to be safe.

For the first time in four days the weather improved yesterday, allowing stepped up efforts to rescue pilgrims who included naked "sadhus" or Hindu holy men smeared only in ash.

"The weather is improving. That is a silver lining," state

government spokesman K.B. Jandial said in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital.

"At least 116 yarris (pilgrims) have died so far," he said.

The United News of India put the death toll, resulting from high monsoon rains, snow and sub-zero temperatures, at 133.

Officials said some 112,000 Hindus had arrived in Kashmir this year to visit the holy Amarnath cave, where devotees worship an ice stalagmite believed to be a manifestation of the "lingam", or phallus, of the Hindu God Shiva.

Two army helicopters flew about 60 pilgrims suffering from breathing trouble and other cold-related ailments to a Srinagar hospital yesterday, officials said.

The helicopters also dropped food, medicine and blankets to help some 3,000 people on a thickly-forested part of the route near the frozen Sheshnag lake, 60 km from Srinagar.

# All religions pray for Mother Teresa

CALCUTTA (AP) - Hindu and Christian priests, Buddhist monks and Moslem clerics prayed in harmony yesterday for the world's champion of the poor, Mother Teresa, the frail Catholic nun struggling for her life.

Her personal physician said she was responding to treatment, but was in serious condition.

She was admitted to the Woodlands Nursing Home on August 20 with a high fever brought on by malaria. Doctors say the fever aggravated her existing cardiac troubles and triggered three heart failures since Thursday.

She was put on a respirator to treat her heart condition, but the ailing nun had developed a lung infection from prolonged use of the ventilator.

"The infection is still in her lungs," said Dr. A.K. Bardhan, the nun's physician. "She's not out of danger."

Inside her stark, white, intensive care unit room, Mother Teresa lay tiny in a large bed. Looking pale and weakened by her illness, she mus-

tered the strength yesterday to bless a group of six nuns visiting from her Missionaries of Charity order.

"She blessed some of the sisters of Missionaries of Charity who were allowed to see her in the evening," Dr. S.K. Sen, medical director of Woodlands Nursing Home, told reporters. "She blessed them by raising her hand gently."

Sen said the nuns were allowed to visit the renowned founder of their 47-year-old Roman Catholic order after doctors had noticed a slight improvement in her condition.

Mother Teresa, who turns 86 tomorrow, has been under round-the-clock medical supervision as her team of six doctors became increasingly concerned her lung infection could develop into pneumonia.

Doctors had hoped to remove the respirator but decided against it when her condition persisted.

"She still needs respiratory support," said a medical bulletin issued yesterday. The medical bulletin said the Nobel Peace Prize laureate still had a low-grade fever.

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The Municipality of Eilat invites proposals for the supply, installation, running in and operation of electromechanical equipment for construction of the Eilat waste water treatment plant.

a. The tender documents will be available during working hours at the offices of the Municipality of Eilat, Hatzeva Hanegev St., Eilat and may be purchased for a non-refundable sum of NIS 10,000.

b. The tender will be open to contractors who meet the requirements set out in the Tender Documents, Clause 4.1.4. and are registered in the Contractors Register, in accordance with the Registration of Contractors for Engineering Works Law, 5729-1989 and its provisions, Main Group 500 (pumps, turbines and pumping stations), for unlimited monetary value.

In addition, the supply of pretreatment equipment, sludge thickening and dewatering equipment, pumping stations and hydraulic appurtenances, will be open to manufacturers or authorized suppliers of equipment meeting the tender requirements, or authorized agents in Israel of overseas manufacturers of the above equipment.

It is hereby stated that the plant components shall be from recognized manufacturers, having at least five years experience in the manufacture, supply and supervision of installation of similar equipment to that proposed of their manufacture and who will sign the forms of undertaking attached to the Tender Documents.

c. A site visit by the contractors will take place on September 17, 1996, leaving the offices of the Municipality of Eilat, Civil Engineering Department, Hatzeva Hanegev St., Eilat, at 10:00 hours.

d. Parties interested in participating in the tender are requested to submit their tenders in two copies on the forms provided in the tender documents, including all the required documentation. The tenders must be inserted by hand in this tender box at the offices of the Municipality of Eilat by 12:00 on November 18, 1996.

e. The Municipality of Eilat is not obliged to accept the lowest or any other tender.

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Mayor of Eilat

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**MEETING**

Speaking at a press briefing after the meeting with Netanyahu, Weizman denied that he had given the prime minister "an ultimatum" and conceded that "it is the prime minister who directs foreign policy." Weizman discounted reports of tension between them, describing relations with Netanyahu as "excellent."

Netanyahu, for his part, said he "very much appreciated the president's experience" with regard to the peace process, but stressed that it was the government that decided on foreign policy.

"We shall continue with the peace process," Netanyahu said. "But we received a mandate from the public to do things properly... We are working according to a schedule based on reciprocity and mutuality."

The meeting followed a letter from Arafat to Weizman on Tuesday, in which the Palestinian leader reportedly outlined the difficulties in the territories, and appealed to Weizman to arrange some form of talks.

He expected to meet Arafat "probably before 1996 is out" at his Caesarea home, he said, explaining that the location had

been chosen because "there is a landing pad there for [the Palestinian leader's] helicopter."

Asked whether the Palestinian decision to close PA offices in Jerusalem could push forward a meeting between him and Arafat, Netanyahu said that he would first have to see whether the offices had indeed been shut down. But a government source said afterward that the move - which was personally ordered by Arafat - was viewed by Netanyahu as "very favorable" and an indication of the government's success in dealing with the Palestinians.

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**PARIS**

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday blamed Israel for freezing the peace process. He said Egypt's policy had been to give Netanyahu's new government time to assess the peace process and set its policies. But he added that "until now, the Israeli policies have not moved. This in turn has frozen the peace process."

Under the rubric of "regional developments," the three officials in Paris are likely to discuss the Palestinian and Syrian tracks.

The last time Gold and Ross met

was earlier this month in Washington, when Gold conveyed Israel's written request to the US to convene the Israel-Syria peace talks at Wye Plantation, in Maryland. Those talks have been suspended since late February.

Syria has yet to officially respond to the Israeli request, although Syrian officials have rejected the notion of "Lebanon First."

Subsequently, Netanyahu and Levy both modified their approach, indicating that Israel is willing to discuss Lebanon and the Golan Heights simultaneously.

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**OFFICES**

Jerusalem being a united city, it must invest more in helping the city's Arab residents.

Olmert noted that he had presented the previous government the demands for more funding, but the badly needed allocations were never made.

The matter of the PA offices in eastern Jerusalem was also discussed by the committee, with security officials saying they believed the PA indeed intended to close down the offices.

Jon Immanuel contributed to this report

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'I'm insane' says pop's little diva

EMILY HALUSER

HER hair color has ranged from raven to orange; she often sports fashions better suited to The X-Files than a concert stage; she has been seen running through deep woods, pursued by a giant teddy bear. This, then, is Bjork.



Not your typical clubber, Bjork has introduced harps, trumpets and intelligent lyrics to a genre not particularly known for its serious musicianship.

speech," she said in 1993. This is not a thing that Bjork encourages, however: "At the end of the day, it's got nothing to do with me, because this is the job I've got."

Boring brothers leave their women waiting

THE BROTHERS McMULLEN

★1/2

Written and directed by Edward Burns. Hebrew title: *He'atim McMullen*, 94 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.

Jack Mulcahy... Edward Burns, Patrick... Mike McGonee, Molly... Connie Britton.

EDWARD Burns' The Brothers McMullen is a semi-autobiographical, ultra-low budget romantic comedy about three Irish-American siblings who live on Long Island, drink lots of beer and talk incessantly about their reluctance to

commit fully to a relationship. Jack (Jack Mulcahy), the eldest, is a sturdy, thirtysomething basketball coach who panics when his wonderful wife, Molly (Connie Britton), announces she's ready to start having kids; perfectly faithful until this point, he immediately begins an affair with his brother's

FILM REVIEW ADINA HOFFMAN

or take his big brother Barry's advice and dump her. Patrick spends most of the film agonizing about what to do and justifying his typical young man's doubts in grand theological terms.

The 'sexiest man in America' wows his fans

PENNY STARR

IT must have been love. Only the insanely adoring would go out in the middle of an August afternoon in Tel Aviv. The crowd of about 200 fans stood pressed against security barriers waiting for the arrival of actor George Clooney.

filming 'Peacemaker' with Nicole Kidman and his grueling schedule (Mondays to Thursdays making ER for TV; Friday, Saturday and Sunday on film sets) he seemed good-humored and at ease in front of his fans.



Try this for size: US actor George Clooney (left) helps local celeb Oded Menashe into an 'ER' costume.

coat, stethoscope and hospital greens he wore in ER to Tel Aviv's Planet Hollywood. But few of the fans were paying attention. All they wanted was to touch their hero.

Margaux Hemingway: Like grandfather, like granddaughter

MODEL and actress Margaux Hemingway, who was found dead last month, committed suicide by taking an overdose of the sedative phenobarbital, the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office announced last week.

and investigators were trying to determine where she obtained it in such large amounts. The announcement followed six weeks of toxicological tests after the initial autopsy failed to reveal the cause of death.

Hemingway, who gained fame first as a supermodel for perfume, later worked as an actress in such films as *Lipsick* and *Killer Fish*. She had a well-publicized bout with alcoholism after a near-fatal skiing accident and also battled bulimia. In addition, she had a history of epilepsy.

A tribute to the 'king of cantors'

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THIS Thursday Naftali Herstik will help pay tribute to one of the greatest cantors of all times, Yosele Rosenblat. In the concert, which takes place at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa, Herstik will showcase both his own versatile artistry and that of the legendary Rosenblat.

performers could always be gracious about the fact that constant public exposure is part of the game, they can be forgiven their quirks if their body of work is worthwhile. In Bjork's case, the artist's oddities are an integral part of what makes her good and can she really be blamed for trying to protect her son's privacy?

Those who would like to hear Herstik sing can do so first and foremost in his synagogue in Jerusalem, where he is in charge of the Friday evening and Saturday services. Other than that there are his recordings and then the occasional concerts at home and the not so occasional ones abroad.

These days the works of Yosele Rosenblat are heard mostly on the concert stage and not in synagogues. This Thursday's event, the proceedings of which go to the Institute for Child Development at the Pediatric Neurology Unit of the Sourasky Medical Centre in Tel Aviv, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, showcases aside from Herstik Haim Adler, Beayamin Miller and Robert Bloch. The concert also features the various styles of Rosenblat. "We will all sing his own works as well as works he used to perform. It will be a combination of cantorial music, Yiddish songs and classical music, the best of what Rosenblat himself used to do."

Shoah footage up for Emmys

TOM TUGEND LOS ANGELES

were really saying was, 'Let me tell a camera, let me tell my story to history.'

So far, the foundation has videotaped interviews with 19,000 survivors, and, in a race against time, expects to raise the number to

50,000 by the end of 1997. Survivors are requested to contact the foundation by phoning (800) 661-2092 in the United States and Canada, or by writing to Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, P.O. Box 3168, Los Angeles, CA 90078-3168. Alternatively, they can wait until filming gets under way in Israel for more information.

Advertisement for 'COMEDY OF ERRORS' featuring a quote 'SEE IT IN HEBREW HEAR IT IN ENGLISH!' and listing performance dates and locations.

Advertisement for 'MIDNIGHT PRAYER (Tikkun Hatzot)' featuring a quote 'SEE IT IN HEBREW HEAR IT IN ENGLISH!' and listing performance dates and locations.

Workers not slaves

YOSEF GOELL

The influx of foreign workers into Israel over the past three years is rightly seen as a very serious problem...

The massive influx of foreign workers began following the repeated closures of the autonomous areas and the exclusion of the Palestinian workers in response to the spate of terrorist outrages...

There can be no doubt that many of the problems identified with the foreign workers - largely Romanian, Thai, Filipina and African - who took their place would be reduced or eliminated if we went back to employing the Palestinians...

Experience has shown that terrorism dropped sharply after the imposition of the closures. But I believe it is possible to employ large numbers of Palestinian workers without necessarily inviting new waves of attacks...

The efficient implementation of government programs will be one of the acid tests of Binyamin Netanyahu's government. One of the abject failures of the 1977-1992 Likud governments, under Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, was that instead of serving as new brooms, they proved to be as inefficient, feckless and corrupt...

We know that the on-and-off closures decreed by the previous government were implemented in sieve-like fashion. Last week a Knesset committee heard that the computers serving the Immigration officials at our airports are pretty

Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinians and Jordanians could foster warm neighborly relations, if they're treated decently

useless. This need not continue to be the case if the Netanyahu government takes action.

Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinian and Jordanian workers can also serve as a major element in fostering warm relations with these neighbors. Massive unemployment is one of the endemic problems of the Middle East...

Jordan has reportedly asked Israel to allow some of its citizens to work in Eilat, but so far has received no official response.

In order for the Palestinian and Jordanian workers to create a beneficial effect rather than new problems, it is essential the government ensures they are employed under fair conditions, including decent wages, housing and health care.

Ironically, the misnamed "labor" government, did nothing to ensure humane treatment of the foreigners who have come to work here. The Netanyahu government should not seek to emulate its cynical predecessors, but rather show its ability to deal with this problem effectively and humanely.

Just as Israelis rightly refuse to work for slave wages under slave conditions, the foreign workers shouldn't be treated as slave labor either.

The writer comments on current affairs.



Together is not better

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Responding to news that opposition leader Shimon Peres has been biding his time with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon...

What is surprising is that Peres is not only willing to publicly consider a non-existing option, but seems to believe that it is worth reaching out for.

From Labor's viewpoint there are two basic things wrong with the current government: first of all, its personal make-up, and second, its ideological make-up.

The first, former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, was allegedly involved, as a private attorney, in certain practices which might be border cases in terms of their legality...

The third, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, was reportedly indirectly involved in phoning during the 1993 municipal elections...

Netanyahu was elected by a clear majority of the Jews in this country, and a small majority of the overall population...

Any way you look at it, at this juncture a national unity government is the worst option from a Labor perspective

NETANYAHU WAS in a terrible hurry to present his government to the Knesset two and a half weeks after the elections...

The writer is a political scientist.

Politics at the bourse

YOHANAN RAMATI

The recent panic about the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is artificial and politically-motivated.

Israel's stock market was always dominated by the big banks, with some help from the Manufacturers Association, the Chambers of Commerce, Histadrut enterprises and kibbutzim...

In the last year of Yitzhak Rabin's first government, 1976, the Israeli public kept 44.6% of its total liquid assets in the form of bonds - overwhelmingly government bonds linked to the cost-of-living index or the dollar.

MORTON A. KLEIN, National President, Zionist Organization of America, New York.

Yet when the inevitable collapse occurred, the Likud did not dare to take over the banks, sell them off abroad and pay off some of the state's foreign debt.

The new realistic level of most shares might not suit speculators banking on "peace" rather than on real assets

bank share scandal.

TODAY, THE Tel Aviv stock market is still controlled by the same interests, though the influence of the Histadrut and the kibbutzim has decreased as they are virtually bankrupt.

There are many good Israeli shares, but in the atmosphere generated at a politically-controlled stock exchange, they usually move up or down with the others...

The writer heads the Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense.

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Another cave-in

LAST week's decision to permanently shelve plans to establish a National Security Council is an additional link in a chain of failures on the part of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu...

Had Netanyahu even succeeded in partially implementing the grandiose restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office...

As any first year student of politics could have predicted, the proposed restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office was met by stiff opposition from a number of entrenched interests...

Even granting the fact that realistically speaking, there is only so much change any political system can undergo in a short period of time, the government's quick abandonment of virtually all of its grand plans...

For example, there are indications that the government's backtracking on economic

issues in recent weeks, after its strong initial budget-cutting decisions, is unsettling the business community and the markets, who are always averse to uncertainty.

The decision not to establish a National Security Council is another example of Netanyahu's caveing in to pressure, this time mainly from the Defence Ministry which feared that a new security body would diminish its role.

It is customary to grant a new government 100 days of grace and it may be the case that the prime minister's staff still needs a crash course in the art of operating the Israeli political system.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO SOLUTION

Sir, - In a desperate attempt to reassure themselves that their position in America is secure, certain American Jewish notables have begun to publicly suggest various long-range "solutions" to the Pollard case - solutions that allow them to forestall facing the truth...

No parole board in America has the legal authority to mitigate the sheaf of negative recommendations from senior American officials that make up Jonathan Pollard's parole file.

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

Sir, - Michael Oren's condescending, patronizing tone ("Scared of the 'stranger'" August 9) is counterproductive. Dore Gold and his fellow Americans are not the only olim to have come of their free will.

DR. ELIZABETH E. EPLER Jerusalem.

UNITY OF JERUSALEM

Sir, - Lord Jakobovits has publicly stated that the recent article in the London Sunday Telegraph was utterly dishonest, disreputable and a total distortion of his views.

The Board of Deputies has never attacked or criticized any government of Israel, nor would it seek to interfere in Israeli politics.

NEVILLE NAGLER, Chief Executive, The Board of Deputies of British Jews London.

THE ZOA

Sir - Marilyn Henry (August 19) disapproves of the wording of the very brief description of the Zionist Organization of America that appears in the current American Jewish Year Book...

It is ludicrous to state that the absence of the word "Zionism" from our description means that "the ZOA is no longer Zionist."

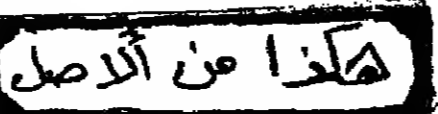
Referring to the fact that we at the ZOA work on Capitol Hill on behalf of pro-Israel legislation, Henry mistakenly claims that "the ZOA is not a registered lobby."

MORTON A. KLEIN, National President, Zionist Organization of America, New York.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Sir, - I refer to my letter of August 12 about defensive driving training programs; the cost to participating drivers is \$35 and not \$357.

JOSEPH KATZ Hadera.

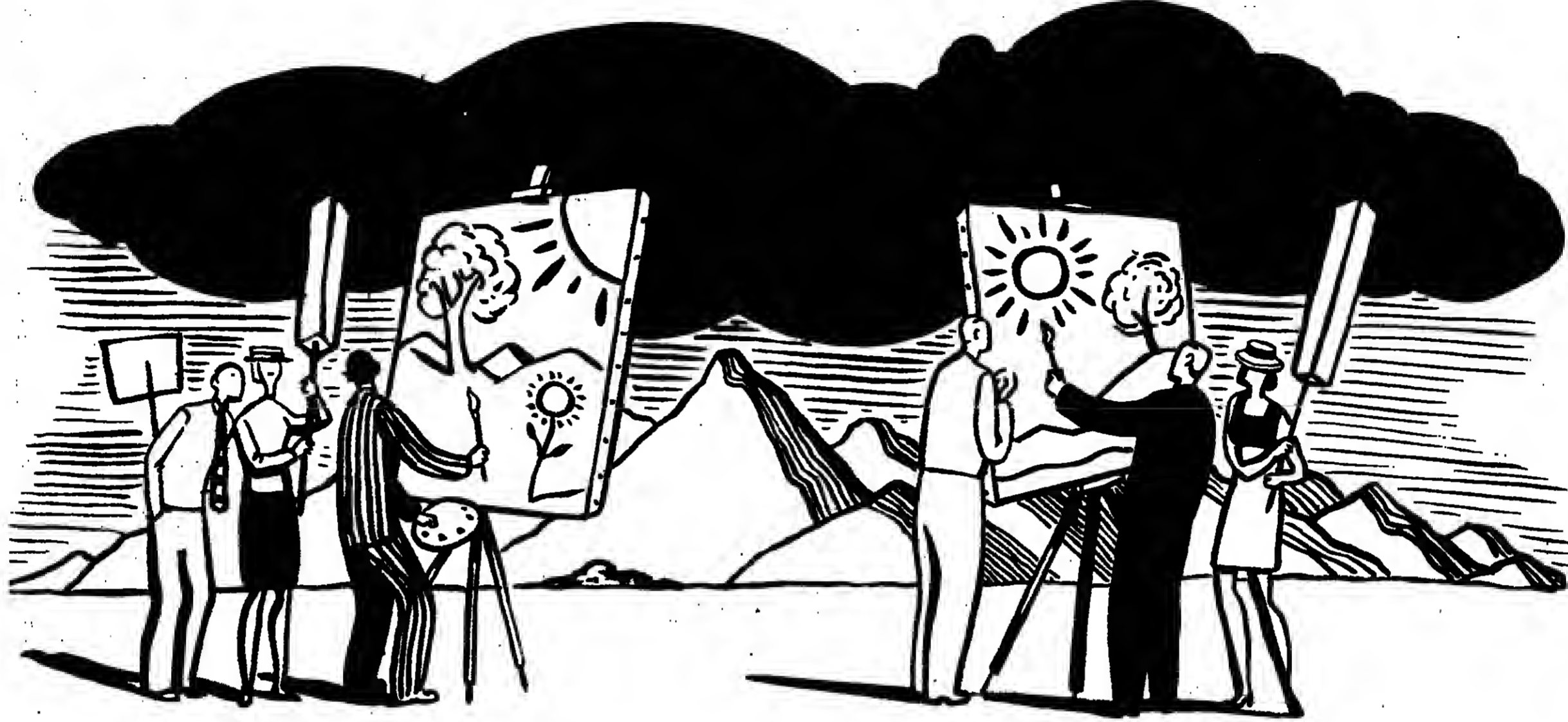


The Jerusalem Post  
**Workers  
not  
slaves**  
YOSEF GOELL

The influx of foreign workers into Israel over the past three years is rightly seen as a serious problem, with an estimated 60,000 to 100,000 illegal workers on top of the 100,000 legal ones.  
A massive influx of foreign workers began following the suspension of the autonomous West Bank and Gaza in response to the September 1993 Oslo Accords. The influx of workers from the Philippines, Thailand, and elsewhere has led to a sharp decline in the number of Israelis employed in the construction and service sectors. The problem is that these workers are often exploited, working long hours for low wages and without proper social services.  
Experience has shown that the demand for foreign workers has not dropped sharply after the end of the Oslo Accords. It is possible to employ a limited number of foreign workers without necessarily creating a permanent labor force. The government should consider ways to reduce the dependence on foreign workers and to improve the working conditions of those who are employed. The issue is not one of protectionism, but of fair labor practices.

Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinians and Jordanians could foster warm neighborly relations if they're treated decently

## Recession Proofed How Both Sides Joined the Supply Side



Alison Settler

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

**B**OB DOLE and Bill Clinton are counting on finishing out the century without a recession. The word rarely, if ever, comes up in their election campaigns. Both candidates are pitching economic policies that assume that Americans, no matter how debt-laden or uncertain about the future, will go on buying all that this economy can produce.  
The two political parties have arrived at an unusual, unstated consensus. They have both decided, in effect, that demand is simply not going to falter enough to drop the nation into recession. The issue, instead, for this election is not demand but supply — producing more for

the nation's ever-eager buyers. And Bill Clinton has joined Bob Dole as a supply sider, Democratic style.  
"Our growth policies are supply side," said Joseph E. Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers.  
"Supply side," popularized by Republicans, has come to mean cutting taxes. Lower taxes, the Republicans insist, will encourage wage earners to work harder and businesses to invest more in machinery and equipment. But "supply side" is actually a broader term meaning any policy intended to increase the capacity of the economy to produce more — a goal that everyone wants but no supply-side policy has yet clearly achieved.  
The Clinton Administration pushes supply-side outlays for education and training to make workers more

productive. The centerpiece of Mr. Clinton's economic policy is deficit reduction, a supply-side attempt to shift money from government to private hands, where it would be invested more productively.

### So Long, Keynes

What is peculiar is that both the Democrats and the Republicans are campaigning on the assumption that the problem of demand has been solved," said Paul David, a Stanford University economist, "and full employment" — meaning plenty of demand — "can be maintained."  
Coming to such a conclusion means putting aside an array of "demand-side" policies stretching back to John Maynard Keynes and the Depression. Out of this period

came the view that supply was not the problem. The economy too often produced more than people could buy. The issue was helping to increase demand, with the Government often stepping in as a public spender to give the economy a boost.

The demand-side approach has been dying for 20 years. In its place, supply-side policies, unproven yet, are nevertheless embraced by politicians with sunny optimism, as if they were advocating blue skies for July 4. Everyone is for productivity and expansion, in effect synonyms for supply side. On the other hand, talking about what to do to increase demand if a recession develops can be thorny, although pertinent. Getting

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### Electoral College Strategies

## The Only Campaign Number That Matters: 270

By RICHARD L. BERKE

**T**HE WHITE HOUSE set off a torrent of speculation in political circles last week when it disclosed that the old lighthouse in Michigan City, Ind., would be the last stop on President Clinton's train trip this week en route to Chicago and the Democratic National Convention. Was it signaling that the Democrats would make a play for Indiana, a state the party had lost in the last seven Presidential elections?  
The more likely explanation was that Indiana would be an obvious stop for the unwieldy Presidential entourage along its route through the Midwest. Or, maybe Mr. Clinton wanted a glimpse of the picturesque dunes off Lake Michigan.  
There was also chatter when the newly minted ticket of Bob Dole and Jack Kemp headed for the forbidden political turf of New York after their convention. Did that mean Republicans would spend millions to contest a state that has solidly been in the Democratic column? Or, for sentimental reasons, did Mr. Kemp simply want to return to Buffalo, where he was a star quarterback for the Bills?

### The Real Race

Such speculation, over strategies real or imagined, occurs with good reason. With one convention down and one to go, the sprint to Nov. 5 is nearly under way. And all the media fixation on national opinion polls notwithstanding, the contest for the White House ultimately boils down to a state-by-state competition: to win, a candidate must pile up 270 of the 538 Electoral College votes. As the incumbent President well knows, that doesn't even require a popular majority.



In hunting Electoral College votes, Bob Dole, framed by corn in Springfield, Ill., keeps Clinton guessing. His foe returns the favor.

This all-important race for electoral votes — really 51 separate winner-take-all contests including the District of Columbia — is an exercise not only in raw politicking but trickery. The two major party candidates each start out with the same sum of Federal money — roughly \$70 million apiece — which means in practical terms that they cannot hope to be competitive in every state and that they therefore must make crucial decisions about where to focus resources.

### Chest-Beating

But for as long as they can get away with it, the opposing camps don't reveal which states they are serious about competing in. The last thing they want to do is divulge their spending plans to their opponents — or let hundreds of thousands of voters in a state know that they are being written off.  
Although the outcome could hinge on bitter contests in 20 or so states, the campaigns for now are behaving as if they will do the impossible: bombard every state with costly TV ad campaigns. "Now, you can say anything you want and get away with it," said Douglas Sosnik, the White House political director. "But a month from now when you start putting your money down, the bravado and chest-beating take on less importance. You can't put everything everywhere. You have to start making tough choices."  
Thus far, however, the checks have not been written. So the campaigns play games.  
Consider California. Many savvy Republicans doubt that Mr. Dole can win California unless he comes upon some miraculous way to boost his popularity there substantially and quickly; thus they believe it would be a mistake for him to compete in the state. But Mr. Dole's partisans, citing a new Field Poll

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### Economic Lessons

#### In Pacific Rim and Latin

America, wealth has yet to trickle down.

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Big corporate names entice investors.

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Mensa at age 50.

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Ideas & Trends

Why America Pays To Play Top Executives

By MARK LANDLER

WHEN Alex J. Mandl got a \$20 million signing bonus last week for quitting AT&T to run an obscure wireless telephone company, he did more than raise the salary sweepstakes for other top executives.

Big corporate names can help anchor a company and entice investors.

Jordan, who is earning \$25 million for one season with the Chicago Bulls, or Shaquille O'Neal, who has a seven-year, \$120 million deal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Mr. Mandl, however, is not the best person to ever play the corporate game. While the Austrian-born executive may have been in line to succeed AT&T's chairman, Robert E. Allen, his colleagues describe him as a sturdy, single-minded businessman.

Hardly grounds for a \$20 million paycheck. What Mr. Mandl has is an exquisite sense of timing.

The business world now yearns for marquee executives — and is increasingly willing to compensate them like film stars or franchise players. It's not that the executives are any better. It's just that technology and the dismantling of Government regulations have turned the marketplace upside down.

The 'Great Man' Theory

In such a vertiginous environment, where new industries seem to spring up overnight while old ones are snuffed out, big-name executives act as anchors. They can soothe the shareholders and, even more important, lure new capital from investors who would otherwise shy away from complex or unproven technologies.

"Academics, journalists and securities analysts have all become bewitched with the 'great man' theory of business," said Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, the director of the Center for Leadership and Career Studies at Emory University. "We have developed such a cult of personality that we think the chief executive personifies the firm."

In corporate America, what separates stars from working stiffs is not always clear. As AT&T's president, the 52-year-old Mr. Mandl had just enough heft to make the cut. Before joining AT&T, he ran Sea-Land Services, a giant shipping company, and more than doubled the company's revenues in three years.

Perception matters as much as reality, though, and in Mr. Mandl's case, a dollop of myth-making helped. Newspaper and magazine articles routinely refer to him as a brash leader who chafed in the stodgy confines of AT&T. Throw in his stocky build and silvery hair, and Mr. Mandl comes across almost like a Jack Kemp for the



Alex J. Mandl, former president of AT&T, got a \$20 million bonus from an obscure phone company.

Rotary Club crowd. In reality, he is rather low-key and reserved. One senior AT&T executive said Mr. Mandl was so aloof he had trouble galvanizing his colleagues behind his strategy for propelling AT&T into the newly deregulated telecommunications market.

But Mr. Mandl's skills are almost beside the point. The owners of his new company, Associated Communications, would like to take their venture public in the next year or so. Wall Street analysts said that the mere fact Mr. Mandl was involved could double the value of the stock offering — from \$250 million to \$500 million.

"What you need is a signal that you have what it takes to succeed," said Robert H. Frank, an economist at Cornell University and the co-author, with Philip J. Cook, of "The Winner Takes All Society" (Martin Kessler/Free Press, 1995). "Now you've got a guy who is willing to give up his future at AT&T to bet on this technology. That's all the market needs to know."

The Flop Threat

The danger in hiring celebrity executives is that — much as a star athlete can get injured or a blockbuster actor can make a flop — the big-name boss may never end up building a good company.

Barry Diller, the creator of the Fox network, brought Hollywood glamor to the dowdy business of home shopping when he became chairman of the QVC cable channel in 1992. Mr. Diller promised to transform QVC from a peddler of pillow covers to a high-tech electronic bazaar. That was enough to drive its stock through the roof, and Mr. Diller pocketed more than \$100 million in profits. But while QVC remains successful, his loftier ambitions for home shopping fizzled, and Mr. Diller moved on.

John Sculley, the charismatic former chairman of Apple Computer, resigned in 1993 to run a small wireless company, Spectrum Information Technologies. Mr. Sculley left several months later, unable to fix problems that ranged from financial losses to criminal dealings by managers.

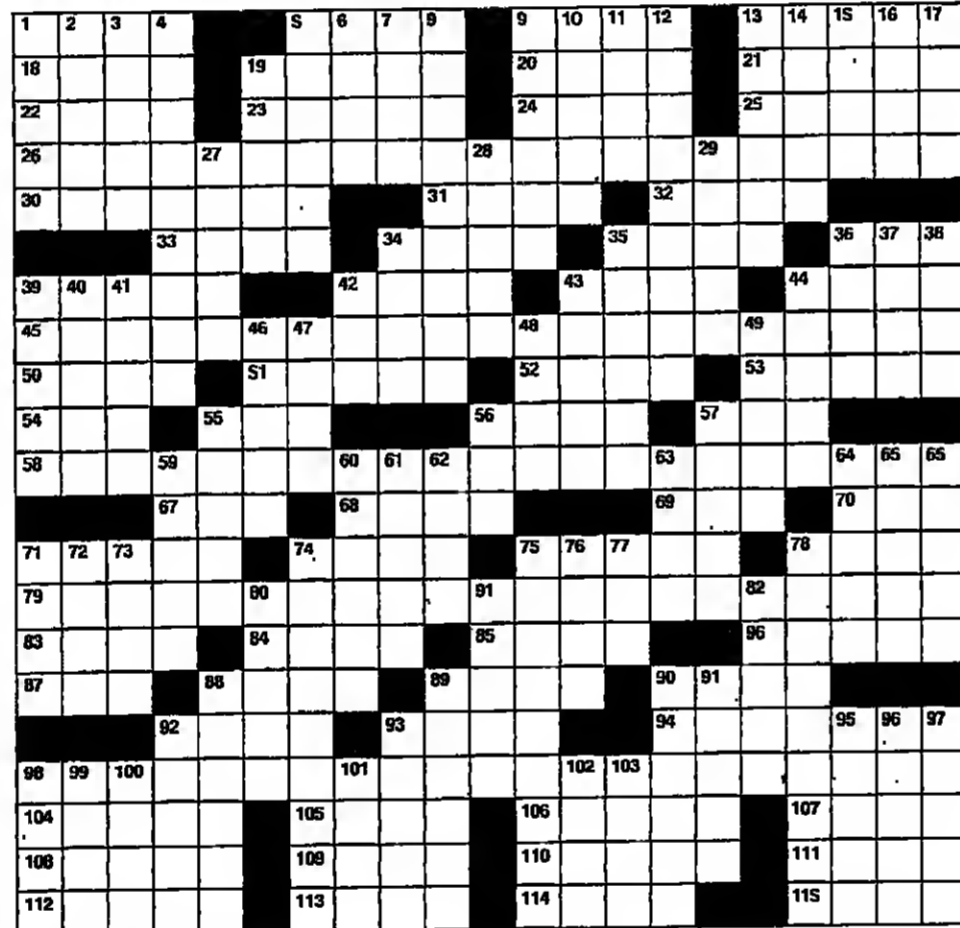
Such horror stories aside, Mr. Mandl's new employers may have already made the right decision in hiring him. The shares of Associated Group, which owns 53 percent of Mr. Mandl's venture, rose \$6.75 in the 48 hours after his appointment was announced. That makes Mr. Mandl's employers roughly \$120 million richer. At those numbers, a \$20 million signing bonus looks like chump change.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

WHAT'S MY LINE?

By FRAN AND LOU SABIN / Edited by WILL SHORTZ

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Both Sides Join the Supply Side

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through the next Presidential term without a recession would mean a record 10 years without one — not impossible, but hardly a sure thing.

"It is pretty clear there won't be a recession before the election in November," said Robert M. Solow, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "So if you were to force the question on either candidate, either can say, 'The history of capitalism suggests there will be a downturn and we will meet it when it comes.'"

Debating solutions in advance means reminding voters that things could get bad soon, a pessimism no Presidential candidate wants to indulge in. It also means debating whether the Federal Reserve is manipulating interest rates properly, keeping them low enough to encourage borrowing and spending. That debate makes the stock and bond markets nervous, at a moment when both parties, in deference to Wall Street, shy away from challenging the Fed.

Then there is the issue of whether to increase public spending, an inevitable theme in any discussion of how to avoid a recession. But public spending means more government, just when both parties are advocating less. In the 1992 campaign, in the aftermath of the last recession, Mr. Clinton called for \$16 billion in public works spending. He wanted, among other things, to stimulate the economy by supplementing the spending of the still-reluctant private sector. But after he took office, the economy revived and the Administration dropped this demand-side proposal in favor of deficit reduction.

Expansion Forever

No wonder, then, that Laura D'Andrea Tyson, who presides over the National Economic Council at the White House, said in an interview, "There is no reason to predict the end of this economic expansion." And John B. Taylor, a Stanford University economist and a chief economic adviser to Mr. Dole, said, "At this point, the economy is expanding and there is nothing in the Dole package that would come close to a recession."

Most economists are happy to see supply-side economics front and center. Over the last 15 years, they say, the economic system has learned to keep demand robust so that Americans are busy, most of the time, buying all the nation can produce. The Federal Reserve has become the main agent in regulating this process, and recessions are viewed as short, accidental events, the aftermath of an oil crisis or a mistake by the Fed, which somehow fails to lower interest rates just when it should. "Right now, the view is that not only can we manage demand," said Richard Nelsen, a Columbia University economist, "but recession is an insignificant problem that the Fed can reverse."

There are dissenters, of course. The National Association of Manufacturers says supply is not the immediate problem; its members can produce more than Americans are buying. The Fed therefore should hold down interest rates to increase demand. Unions also dissent. They see in mass layoffs and persistent wage stagnation too big a supply of labor, so they, too, are demand-siders.

Even Mr. Solow, who shares the view that the economy today is responding to demand with all its capacity, nevertheless would not mind testing to see if there just might be room for more demand. But he was a member of John F. Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers in the early 1960's, when demand-side policies were all the rage. "If those days were these days," Mr. Solow said, "we would be exploring the gap and trying to understand if there was a gap left."

That sort of talk is not likely at the Democratic convention in Chicago this week. Nor is recession policy likely to surface, although some in the Administration are toying with the thought of accusing Mr. Dole of advocating irresponsible tax cuts that would bring on a recession. The scenario would go like this: tax cuts would not be matched by spending cuts, the deficit would rise, and so would interest rates, spending would slow, and a recession would arrive.

Ms. Tyson comes close to making the accusation, even using the "R" word. "If we change course," she said, meaning change course from Mr. Clinton's "even-keeled" policies, "if we move off a credible path to balancing the budget, to continued deficit reduction, that would cause interest rates to rise, slowing the economy and risking a recession."

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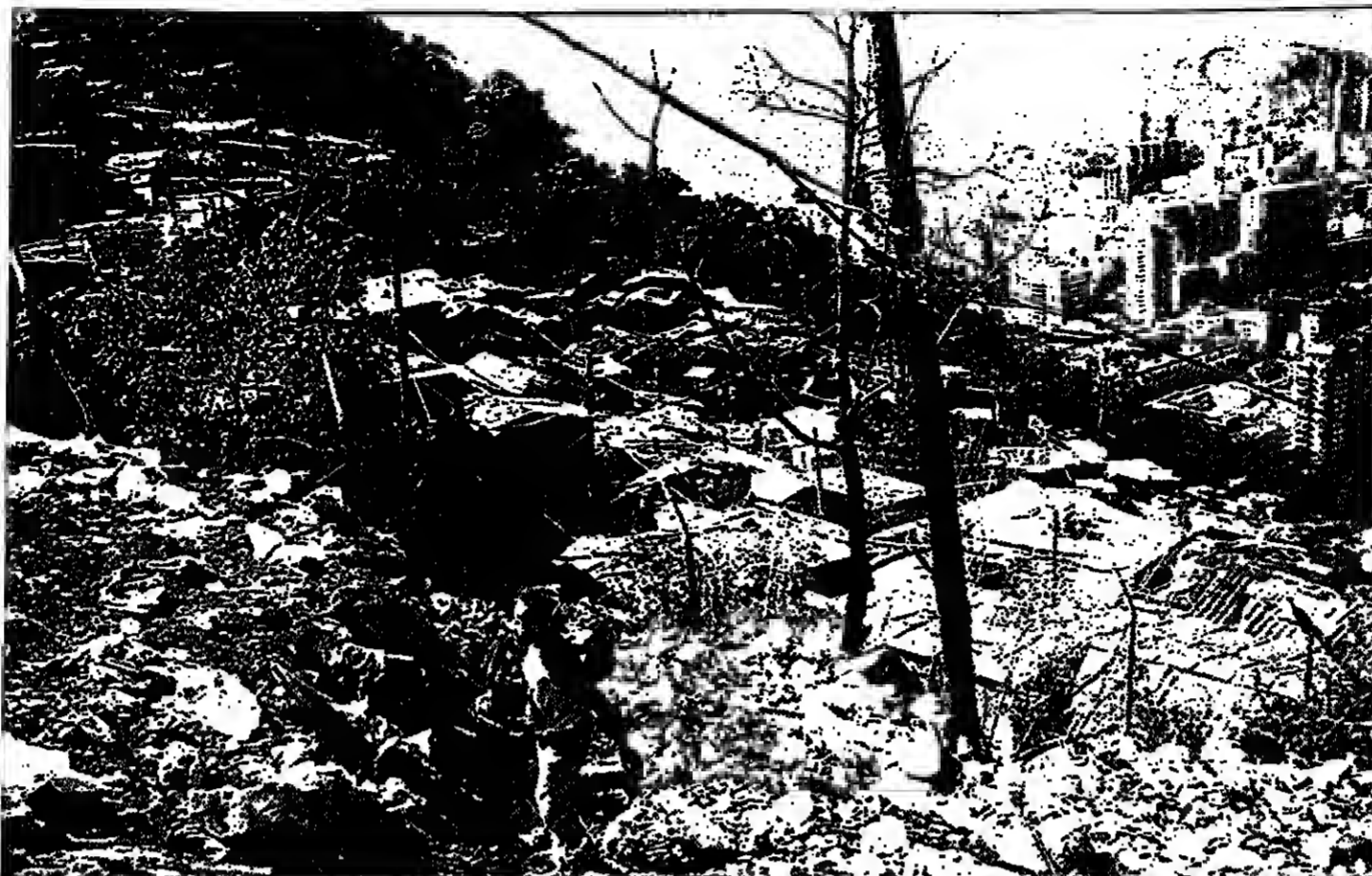
# The World

## Asia's Path to More Equality and More Money for All

By PETER PASSELL

**B**OB DOLE says he wants to cut taxes, proposing a 15 percent across-the-board cut in income taxes. And he wants to give the rich a bigger cut: he has proposed halving the capital gains tax, from 28 percent to 14 percent. The rationale? Cutting taxes on investment income means that there will be more savings to invest, translating into more risk-taking enterprise, more innovation and, ultimately, more growth.

Most Americans remember this idea from the Reagan era, when it was dismissed as "trickle-down economics" by liberals — who were, in turn, accused of fomenting class warfare. But few know that it was a manifestation of a broader, long-running debate in economic circles: is the care and



In Brazil's boom, the rich got richer. But shums, like this hillside settlement in Rio de Janeiro, shown in 1992, grew with the economy.

### From the Pacific rim and Latin America, lessons about concentrated wealth.

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Arundhati Ghose, India's ambassador at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, said the treaty was unacceptable.

### India Bucks The Test Ban Treaty

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By SARAH LYALL

### Mensa's 50th Birthday

## Games in the Name of Brains

**M**ENSA was founded 50 years ago in Oxford, by a pair of Englishmen who wanted to create a society for people whose only common quality was an uncommon intelligence, or, alternatively, who were able to meet Mensa's standards for being in the top 2 percent of the population intellectually — roughly an I.Q. of at least 148.

Since then, Mensa (Latin for "table," suggesting a gathering of great minds) has seen its super-smart reputation tarnished somewhat. In recent years, there have been allegations of financial impropriety by the group's now-former executive director. There has been a much-ridiculed proposal to start a depository for Mensa super-sperm in California. And there has been a growing public perception that, in the words of the writer Christopher Hitchens, Mensa is basically just a "singles club for nerds."

But at London's Metropole Hotel, where some 1,100 of the brighter-than-average gathered last week to celebrate Mensa's 50th anniversary, all was running smoothly. Most members, in fact, professed not to have read Mr. Hitchens's scathing denunciation in the current issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine, in which he describes taking a Mensa I.Q. test that, among other things, gave him a list of words (house, school, dog, cinema, church) and asked, Which does not belong? (Dog.)

### Beam Them Up

Unbloodied and unbowed, the group went about happily doing what anyone does at a convention: socializing, flirting, sightseeing, drinking too much, forming cliques, staying up late, and listening to lectures ("My Life as an Erotic Artist," was the offering on Wednesday, given by Mark Hutchenreuther). But with all that aggressive extra intelligence floating around, there was a feeling here that if the world really is divided into "us" and "them," then Mensans are "us."

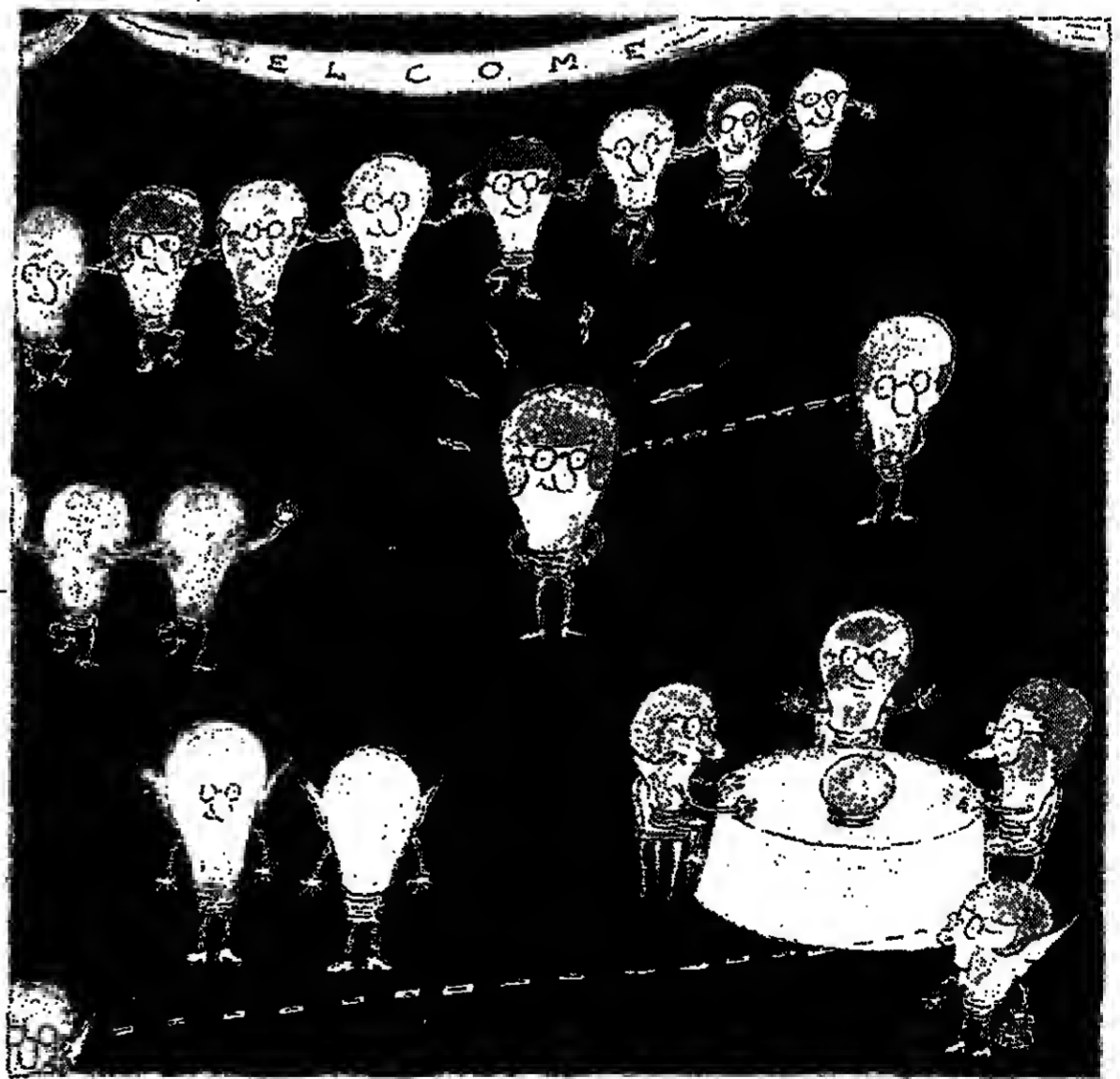
"When I joined Mensa, it was the first place where I felt I could be totally relaxed," said Megan Edwards, 43, who lives in a 32-foot mobile home and travels around the United States, editing an on-line magazine called "Road Trip America." "You could let on that you were interested in things, something it's harder to do in the wider world."

For 47-year-old Steev (yep, two e's in the middle) Schmidt, who works for the California Department of Education, Mensa means meeting people "who are at the same level as you intellectually."

"Conversation might start out very similarly as it does with regular people: How are you? Where are you from?" he said. "But then if you happen to mention something that is a keen interest of yours — say, nuclear power — then they could talk intelligently about it."

The convention gave members a chance to see old friends, to visit the London Dungeon (the museum of medieval horrors) and to mingle with the Gallic chapter of Mensa on a day trip to Paris. It also gave them the opportunity to learn about the vast array of Mensa special interest groups — sub-groups of the smart.

There was a group for pagan Mensans, a group for people who like Italian, a group of Mensans who believe in the occult, a group for those interested in politics. There was the Star Trek group ("In 'The Enemy Within,' I can understand why the landing party couldn't beam



Victoria Roberts

up," gripes one contributor in the current newsletter, "but what was wrong with sending down a shuttle?")

Mensans bristle at the prevailing stereotype about them: that they are lonely losers who rarely wash and who exhibit all the social skills of Dustin Hoffman's idiot savant in "Rain Man."

"A lot of people refer to us as 'Densans,'" said Erika Barrows, 61, a retired elementary school music teacher who lives in Medford, Ore.

"Yeah, people who can't pass the Mensa test," said her husband, Thor, 66, a retired government training officer.

"We often get asked, 'If you're so smart, why aren't you rich?'" Mrs. Barrows said.

But the Barrowses admit to having met their share of Mensa weirdos, like the members who arrived at one meeting with their herd of goats, in order to publicize their new Mensa commune. Another member came to a dinner party, only to spend the evening sleeping under the Barrowses' grand piano. He was not drunk, Mrs. Barrows said. "I guess he just didn't have very good

socialization skills."

Joking aside, members say that some outsiders are extremely impressed at their ultra-bright status. "I know a plastic surgeon who joined just so he could put the magazines around the waiting room," said Nancy Wilson, 56, of Petaluma, Calif., a lover of trivia who cleans up at Mensa party word games and who, among other things, once won almost \$10,000 on "Jeopardy." "Plastic surgeons," she said, "are really concerned with appearances."

Why do people join Mensa? "It's easier to communicate, because people are making an effort that they don't always make in the real world," Mr. Schmidt said. "Of course, that could be the nature of social organizations, which are by definition social."

Mr. Barrows said it was a question of finding somewhere to fit in, finally.

"A lot of people join because it's the only club that will take them that they can tolerate," he said. "Who was it who said he wouldn't join any club that would have him as a member? Well, this is that club."

# The Nation

## Why America's Ever-Fatter Kids Don't Go to Gym

By JACQUES STEINBERG

**F**EW memories of coming of age have the enduring sting of gym class: the sinking feeling of being the last player picked for a team, the valiant struggle to muster a chin-up or the failure to clamber even a few inches toward the ceiling up a brittle, seemingly endless rope.

Given such experiences, it's not surprising that many gym-class alumni, now parents and educators, have been willing to tolerate cuts in physical education to pay for traditionally more pressing priorities like computer instruction. Likewise, it's a safe bet that their kids returning to school next week aren't too upset about the cuts either. But to health experts tracking the ballooning of America's increasingly sedentary children, the trend is a dangerous one.

The Surgeon General reported last month that only 25 percent of American high school

against their own target heart rates than each other.

"Lots of people don't understand that phys ed gives kids a healthier lifestyle," said Geraldine Tyler, who has taught the subject for 18 years in the New York City public schools, the last 11 at Bayside High School in Queens.

It has been nine years since Congress passed a resolution urging the nation's schools to offer physical education every day to every student, from kindergarten through 12th grade. But lawmakers provided no extra money to achieve the goal. Reaching it has become only more elusive as mandates in areas like special education have risen and tax revenues have fallen. (Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forced many schools to add after-school sports teams for girls, to level the playing field with boys, but it had little impact on physical education programs.) Today only one state, Illinois, requires daily phys ed.

In Needham, Mass., an affluent suburb of Boston, school administrators decided in the spring to eliminate all physical education classes in the fourth and fifth grades, after residents voted down a referendum in April that would have added \$1.5 million in tax revenues to the \$25 million education budget. "I know it's the wrong thing to do," said the superintendent of schools, Dr. Patricia Ruane, "but we have to cut somewhere."

In New Jersey, the Education Department recently rejected a recommendation from a panel of teachers and parents that every student receive daily physical education, because school districts would have been unfairly required to pick up the tab.

And in New York, where for decades phys ed was taught daily in almost all the city's 300 high schools, perhaps 70 schools now do so. Some high schools have cut gym to the state minimum of two classes a week one semester and three the next to absorb sharp budget cuts. Other schools have trimmed students' gym schedules so that more class time can be spent meeting new math and science requirements.

"It's an issue of guns and butter," said John J. Ferrandino, superintendent for high schools in New York City. "When you have



Memories of this gym class at Broncksland Junior High in the Bronx in 1963 may have left little enthusiasm for spending on their own children's physical education.

to make hard decisions, you prioritize." Physical education has come a long way since the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports was established during the Eisenhower Administration and set parameters for ranking students in the top 15 percent of American youth — 40 sit-ups by a 13-year-old girl in 60 seconds, for example.

Today many phys ed teachers have abandoned such performance-based standards, saying the benchmarks insure that all but a handful of students fail.

**Just Do It**  
Reflecting that attitude, National Association for Sport and Physical Education, a teachers' organization, advises that a 13-year-old girl can complete as few as 18 sit-ups in 60 seconds to rank in the "healthy fitness zone." The competition inherent in after-school sports is eschewed in favor of the practical sports and health instruction that educators believe all students, athletic and non-athletic alike, require.

"We want people to know that to be a healthy person, they don't have to be an Olympic athlete or max the Presidential fitness test," said Dr. Judith Young, the association's director. In echoing that thinking, the Surgeon General's report concluded that "every effort should be made to encourage schools to require daily physical education in each grade."

One district that does not need persuading is the Montebello Unified School District in East Los Angeles, where daily physical education is required for the first three years of high school — one year longer than the state mandates. Sixty-five percent of seniors take a fourth year of P.E. as an elective.

Carolyn Thompson, a physical education teacher at Bell Gardens High School, relies on non-competitive activities like the "buddy run," in which students' pulse rates are measured but speeds are not. And she draws the line when it comes to choosing teams.

"The No. 1 sin in physical education is letting kids pick teams," Ms. Thompson said. "You could ruin a kid for life."

"I select the teams," she added, "and I do it on my computer."

### Physical education loses in a competition for money.

students took daily physical education last year, down from 42 percent just five years ago. Four out of 10 high school students received no physical education at all last year. The declines are occurring at a time when, according to several studies, obesity rates among the young are increasing more rapidly than in the ever-chunky American population as a whole.

The cuts are all the more disappointing, the experts say, because the Surgeon General's report, which touted the benefits of moderate exercise, dovetails with an evolving, less competitive approach to physical education. In the gym class of the 1990's, the 600-yard run is out and aerobic dancing is in, and students are more likely to be pitted

## Only No. 270 Really Counts

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putting Mr. Dole behind Mr. Clinton by only 10 points in California, nevertheless insist that they will fight there.

"Right now, today, we are playing hard in California and we are putting the resources there necessary," said Jill Hanson, Mr. Dole's political director. But when asked how much the campaign will spend, she left herself some wiggle room: "Those are determinations that are going to have to be made, to be determined when the time is right."

Republicans well remember when President Bush pulled out of California in 1992. He calculated, probably correctly, that he had no chance there. But his campaign's blatant neglect of California was blamed for the Republicans' loss of many of the state's Congressional seats in 1992. And coalition considerations aside, the Dole forces calculate that the longer they keep the Clinton camp guessing, the more likely it will spend money in California that it might better spend elsewhere.

### That's a Tall Story, Cowboy

Or consider Texas. White House and Democratic officials refuse to cross the Lone Star State off their public list, although it is highly doubtful that Mr. Clinton will prevail there. As one White House official put it, "We'll compete there — not in a strategy to win the state but to make Dole work for it."

Ronald Reagan and George Bush, in his victorious 1988 campaign, enjoyed what is called an Electoral College "lock" with a virtually guaranteed base of Western and Southern votes. But because Mr. Dole still has not caught up to Mr. Clinton in the polls, the Democrats for the moment are in the unaccustomed position of having the advantage. Seizing this opportunity, they for months have spent millions of dollars on TV commercials to build up leads in states that aren't even on the Democrats' must-win list — like Florida, New Mexico, Colorado and Washington.



Candidates Clinton and Gore last week at a rural black church in Tennessee destroyed by arson.

By contrast, Mr. Dole is behind in so many states that he needs to raise his popularity nationally before he can embark on a state-by-state strategy. And the entry of Ross Perot as the Reform Party candidate could make it a tougher fight for Mr. Dole in states like Florida and Texas. As Donald Devine, a Dole adviser, wrote in *The Washington Times* in February: "If it is a three-way race, the odds go strongly in the Democrats' direction."

Indeed, Democrats are jubilant. "The difference right now is that the Democrats have an electoral base and the Republicans really don't — they have to reinforce their base," said Mark A. Siegel, a Democratic expert on the Electoral College. Referring to Mr. Kemp's popularity in his two home states, he added, "If they want to think the Kemp nomination is going to salvage New York or California for them, let them."

But Ms. Hanson warned Democrats not to be overconfident. "When I see a new round of data," she said, "we'll see, in states that were probably soft Dole states, they will be firmly in our column."

By relying on history and interviews with campaign strategists — and by examining where the campaigns have pumped their ad money thus far — it is possible to spin scenarios showing how Mr. Clinton or Mr. Dole could rack up the states to push themselves over the top.

### The Democratic Way

The Democrats' route to the White House begins, and ends, with California, with the largest cache of electoral votes, 54. The state is so crucial to Mr. Clinton that he has practically made it a second home. The common wisdom is that the Democrats cannot win without California, though Republicans could win by scraping together enough smaller states. Mr. Clinton is also counting on Democratic strongholds in the Pacific Northwest like Washington and Oregon, and New York and Pennsylvania in the Northeast. Mr. Clinton is also hoping to hold on to at least one of the two important states in the Mountain West that he won in '92 that now are by no means sure bets: New Mexico and Colorado.

That sets up a battle in the industrial Midwest over states like Michigan, Ohio and Illinois as well as two other toss-up states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Democrats are also campaigning hard in Florida and North Carolina, two states that usually go Republican — as they did four years ago. But Mr. Clinton nearly won Florida four years ago, and if he does this time, by appealing to retirees and anti-Castro Cuban-Americans, there will be less of a need for a clean sweep of the Midwest.

Republicans, meanwhile, have set their sights on several states that Mr. Bush carried in 1988 but barely lost four years later: Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio and Tennessee.

To start with, Mr. Dole expects to claim a clear swath down the midsection of the country, from the Dakotas to Nebraska to Mr. Dole's home state of Kansas to Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Dole's partisans are also counting on traditional Republican strength in the Western states of Idaho, Utah and Arizona. The Republicans also anticipate a strong showing in the South, where they expect to hang on to Florida despite Mr. Clinton's intensive efforts there, and hope to capture Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

If the Republicans succeed in staking out the party's base, that would set up a battle over swing states, especially in the Midwest. The party hopes that the Republican Governors who dominate the Midwest states will insure Mr. Dole victory: Ohio is widely viewed as the Republicans' best shot for a big win. But there would also be competition for Michigan, Wisconsin and other contested states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"We're killing them everywhere," Mr. Soerik said of the President's dominance in the latest polls. But he quickly reminded himself that at this stage the electoral map had better be drawn in pencil, not ink: "I don't think a meaningful discussion about the electoral map can even begin until the second week of September." The discussion may not be meaningful, or propetic, but the calculations, and the feinting, began long ago.

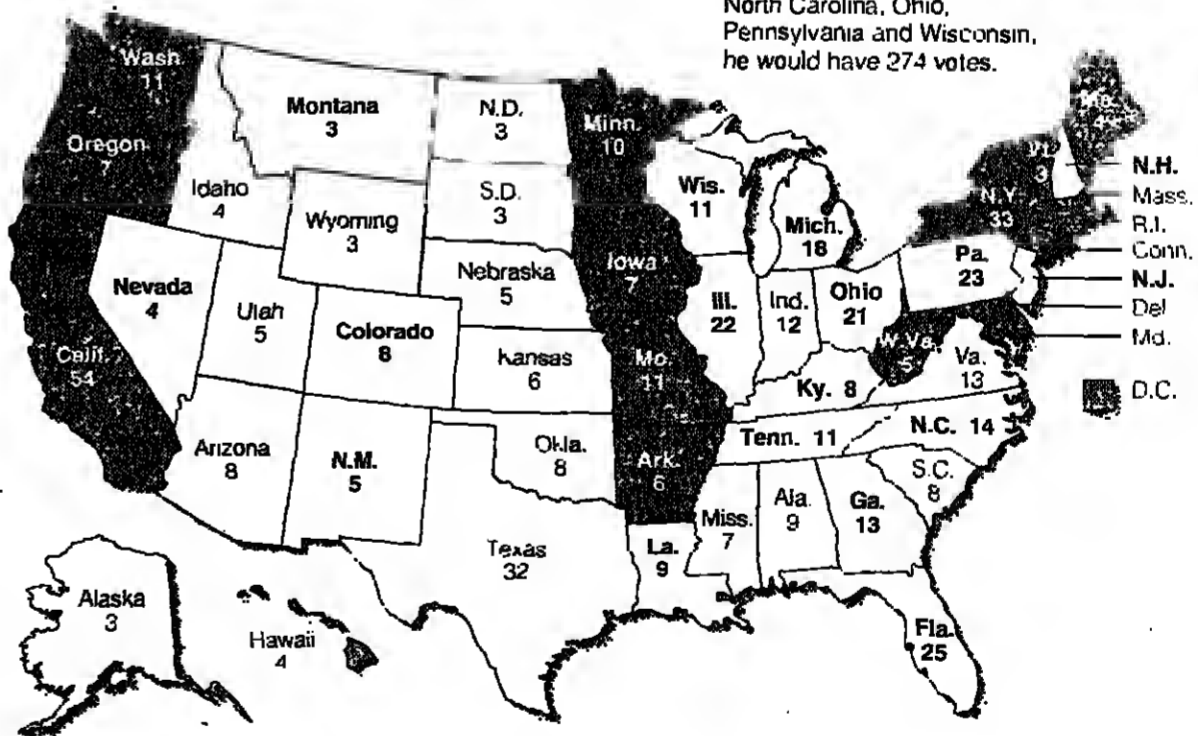
## The Real Race

It is the Electoral College, not the popular vote, that chooses the President. Each state has as many votes as it has U.S. Senators and Representatives. To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the 538 votes. Electors are required to cast their votes for the winner of the popular vote in every state except Nebraska and Maine. In a tight race, Republicans have a built-in advantage because sparsely populated states, most of which tend to vote Republican, are overrepresented in the Electoral College.

### How the Numbers Could Work for Each Side in 1996

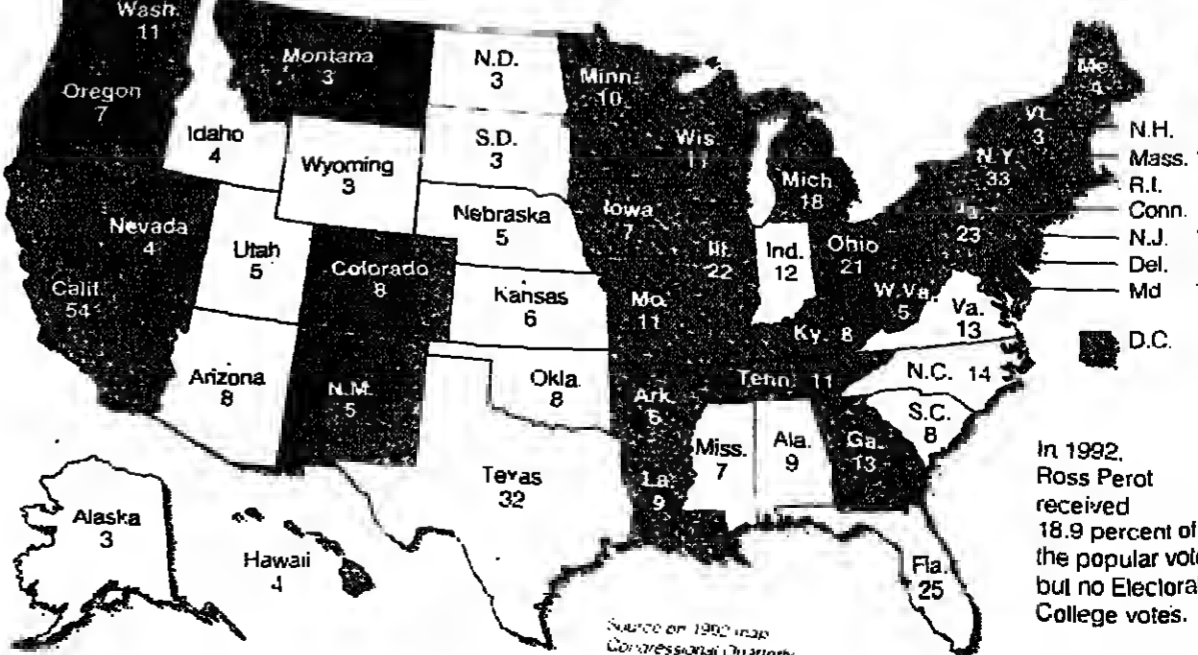
To win, a candidate needs 270 votes or more.

- States Bill Clinton is counting on: If he also won Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico and Pennsylvania, he would have 276 votes.
- States Bob Dole is counting on: If he also won Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, he would have 274 votes.
- Contested states: N.H. 4, Mass. 12, R.I. 4, Conn. 8, N.J. 15, Del. 3, Md. 10, D.C. 3.



### How the Race Played Out in 1992

States Bill Clinton won (total 370 Electoral College votes: 43.0 percent of popular vote). States George Bush won (total 168 Electoral College votes: 37.4 percent of popular vote).



In 1992, Ross Perot received 18.9 percent of the popular vote, but no Electoral College votes.

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# Clinton Does Battle With Chicago '68

By Paul Berman

Every now and then, one of America's political parties finds a perfect accusation to throw at its electoral enemies — an accusation so devastating and impressive that whole generations have to come and go before the charge loses force.

The greatest example was the accusation that was lodged against the Democrats in 1864, in the middle of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans accused the Democrats of being the party of Southern secession, and the charge proved so effective at the polls that the Republicans kept repeating it for decades to come. In that manner, during the entire period from Lincoln's day until 1912, the Republicans wooed the White House in 11 out of 13 elections.

The Democrats came up with an accusation of their own in 1932, at the depth of the Great Depression. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Democrats blamed Herbert Hoover and the Republican Party for the economic collapse. It was an excellent accusation. The Democrats stuck with it for 40 years and more. And never once did they have reason to regret doing so.

The grand accusation that figures in the politics of today — the charge against which Bill Clinton has had to struggle (and lately he's done so with a lot of skill) — got its start in 1968. The Vietnam War, the race riots, the university uprisings and the assassi-

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nations of President John F. Kennedy, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy meant that once again the country was in a bad way.

In that context, Richard Nixon and the Republicans gazed at the Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago. They watched a Democratic constituency — the antiwar protesters — taunt the Chicago cops and get braided for doing it. And the grand new accusation, the devastating and impressive charge that has lasted for decades, went spilling from Republican lips. It was the accusation that Democrats encouraged lawlessness, drugs, sex, draft-dodging and college layabouts.

The accusation has proved hardy. Elections have come and gone since then, but the accusation rests eternal. If the personal attacks on Mr. Clinton have radiated an exceptional oastiness over these past four years, it is because the particular charges against him — the alleged womanizing, oon-inhalation and draft-dodging — draw strength from the original complaint of 1968. (In the typology of scandals, Whitewater figures as more of a Republican-type affair and has no ideological underpinning.)

When Bob Dole responds to Mr. Clinton's birthday celebration by accusing the White House of being run by people from an "elite" who have never suffered and have never grown up, he is merely hitting the old accusatory note and in its classic generational form: the World War II veteran fuming at the Vietnam War protester from a fancy university. And when Mr. Dole says that he remembers a better America, everybody knows precisely when that long-Tale of Two Utopias existed: before 1968, before the elite

layabouts with their low morals came on the national scene.

The charge that dates from 1968 differs from those of 1864 and 1932 in one important respect. In some corner of their partisan souls, the targets of those earlier accusations recognized their own guilt.

The 19th-century Democrats did bear a responsibility for the Civil War, as did the Republicans of the 1920's for the Great Depression and there was no point in claiming otherwise.

But what does the accusation from 1968 specify? It says that the antiwar

## Democrats finally reclaim a mainstream image.

protest movement's low morals and lack of reverence for tradition and authority undid the culture of America, and that the consequences have been sociological: crime illegitimacy, AIDS and so forth.

Yet when the former protesters and their cultural descendants, most of them currently incarnated as Democratic liberals, gaze back on the protest movement of the 1960's, they see something else.

They see two grand and admirable causes: the civil rights movement and the antiwar movement — surrounded by a constellation of other movements and impulses, not all of them admirable (though there are some people who insist on viewing everything as admirable). They see

several advances for democracy and individual liberty and a certain spirit of cultural mayhem. They see a puzzling fondness for political stances that were often self-defeating. But they do not see the caricature offered by their accusers.

On the other hand, they do see how even their own accusers have benefited from the radical past. They see how at San Diego the same Bob Dole who regrets the disappearance of the pre-1968 America surrounded himself with symbols of the post-1968 era. For there was Gen. Colin Powell, who has done honor to, among other things, affirmative action. And there was Representative Susan Molinari, who has enjoyed the freedom to experiment with drugs in college (even though she now claims to regret this action), the freedom to walk away from her first marriage without opprobrium and the freedom to pursue a professional career. She is, to Democratic eyes, someone who has lived the life of a liberated woman, post-'68.

So Democratic liberals examine the accusation against them and cannot really understand it; and they examine their accusers, whom they understand all too well, and they sputter. Which is to say the liberals are left befuddled and speechless, except for the feeble cry of hypocrisy, and they have been left that way since 1968.

In the years from 1968 until the Clinton era, the Democrats responded to the accusation against them by nominating, election after election, candidates of obvious rectitude. But having endured one too many electoral defeats, the Democrats came up with Mr. Clinton in 1992.

You might suppose that he would be the most vulnerable of candidates,

since he is the first Democratic leader whose past even remotely resembles the Republican caricature. But Mr. Clinton has responded by adopting the sort of maneuverability that allows him, when the Republicans prattle about family values, to out-prattle the prattlers — and, when the Republicans veer right, to veer one inch to their left.

The return to Chicago for this Democratic convention is bound to afford Mr. Clinton and his supporters a limitless opportunity for beating the Republicans to their own punch. For this week's scenes of former protesters hobnobbing with Chicago cops will be wondrous, and no room will be left for an angry accusation.

Naturally, Mr. Clinton's maneuverings do not always endear him to his party's traditional constituents — me, for example. But Mr. Clinton has learned from Richard Nixon that winning and being loved are not the same thing.

The Republicans see that, too. They hurl the word "waffling" in Mr. Clinton's face. After the President signed the unfortunate welfare bill last Thursday, Mr. Dole complained that the President is "ideologically adrift." But Mr. Clinton is bound to think: So what? To accuse a man of drifting is not like accusing him of undermining the national morality.

On the contrary, the complaint about drifting shows that here is a genuinely clever politician, the first on the Democratic side in a long time — someone with the talent to cope with the Republican accusation that for almost 30 years has dealt so many defeats to the Democrats. □

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# Semi-Soul Brothers

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It made you squirm. Bob Dole was talking about the era when many people recoiled at the thought of mingling black and white blood.

"When Senator Dan Inouye was badly wounded [in World War II], he looked over at the transfusion he was being given, which was marked with the words 'Black Blood,'" Mr. Dole told the National Association of Black Journalists. "And he distinctly remembers thinking, 'I don't care who that blood came from.' And likewise, I have no idea who gave the blood that may have helped saved my life."

It was like someone trying to prove his race credentials by saying, "I have black friends." It was odd and uncomfortable, but at the same time unpolished and real, a reminder of the segregated, small-town America where Mr. Dole grew up, and a reminder of how many cultural epochs this 73-year-old has passed through.

Bob Dole was, at long last, intense and affecting, as he tried to find common ground with his audience. It was strange that it happened with this group, which may well be a lost cause for the G.O.P.

Few in the room seemed enthusiastic as they gathered to hear a Republican who had allowed his party to endorse a platform so antithetical to minority interests and had forced his running mate to renounce long-held civil rights positions.

Derrick Jackson, a Boston Globe columnist, got right to the point with Jack Kemp. "After two decades of cultivating your image as a semi-soul brother in the Republican Party, what credibility do you now have with African-American voters after turning your back on affirmative action in a mere space of two days?"

Mr. Kemp turned red and talked fast, saying he believed in "the right kind of affirmative action, small a," and signaling that he was only following orders. As ecstatic as Mr. Kemp is with his political resurrection, it must have been a humiliating moment for the man who led the Republican counterattack last year on the Dole-Canady bill, which would have ended all government affirmative action, a measure designed to set the Republicans up with a wedge issue for '96 and a startling departure from Mr. Dole's generally posi-

## An audience Bob Dole can relate to.

tive record on civil rights.

Both parties have been using blacks as props, while endorsing programs that would hurt minorities. In San Diego, in an effort to camouflage its punishing platform, Republican convention managers filled the stage and videos with black faces. Newt Gingrich quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and appeared in a video surrounded by black kids. Virginia, casting its votes, shamelessly proclaimed itself "the home of Arthur Ashe."

President Clinton made sure to have a black former welfare mother introduce him when he signed the welfare bill that will fall particularly hard on black children.

Any other year, it would have been the Republican signing the bill to abolish welfare and the Democrat coming to court black journalists. But this year, Bill Clinton did not show up here. He was in Washington, taking the obvious and easy political road, going after white suburban support at black inner-city expense.

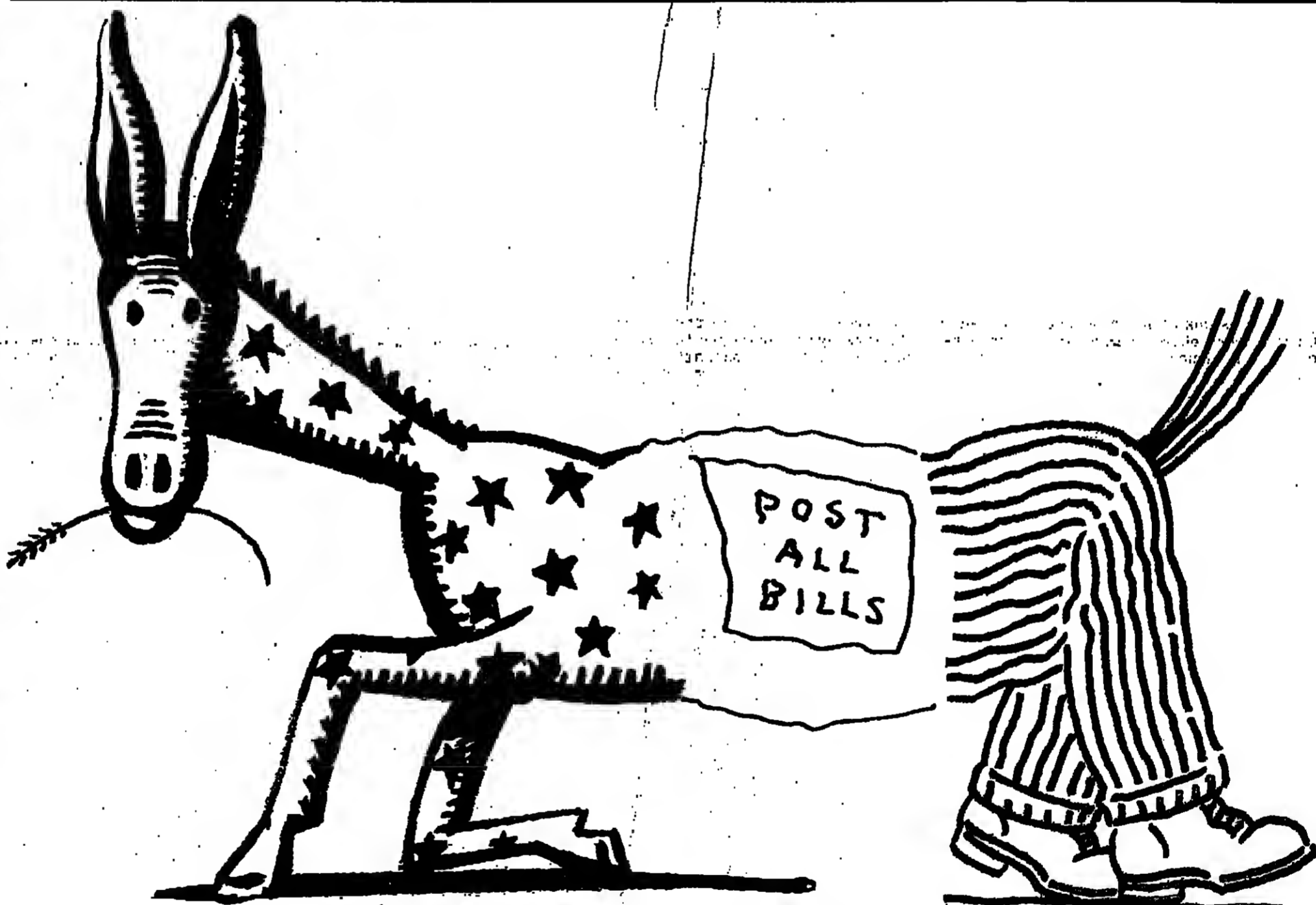
And Mr. Dole was moving in the other direction, trying to force Mr. Clinton to protect his base, and reassuring those moderate Republicans who might nurse quiet prejudices but wouldn't want to be associated with a party that could be branded racist. He is trying to emulate Ronald Reagan, who put a smiling inclusive face on an Administration that was anything but.

Mr. Dole ended up here after he snubbed the N.A.A.C.P., saying he preferred an audience "I can relate to." He expressed regret for that. But he defended his conservative shift on affirmative action. It was hard to tell if he was making a case in those in the room, or if his real targets were the white voters who would see the speech on television.

Whatever the strategic machinations and the flips of Mr. Dole and Mr. Kemp on the issue, it was a powerful message to tell the crowd that Democrats should not "simply assume ownership of the African-American vote," and to acknowledge that "Republicans were sometimes on the sidelines of struggles when they should have been at the center."

And certainly it was nicer to listen to this attempt at harmony than the attempts at disharmony in '88, when it was not Lincoln Republicans evoked on the campaign trail, but Willie Horton.

Thomas L. Friedman is on vacation.



# My Five Minutes With 'Da Mare'

By Ward Just

WEST TISAUERY, Mass. In the summer of 1959 there was a problem at the Chicago bureau of Newsweek. The political season was under way and no one in the office had Mayor Richard J. Daley's ear.

Whatever was going to happen at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles the following summer and in the Presidential election would depend to no small degree on what The Man in City Hall thought and did. Kennedy? Humphrey? Adlai again? At the time his cards were so close to his vest as to be invisible. All that was known for sure was that he hated Richard Nixon even more than he hated reporters.

What a bonanza for the magazine if one of us could win his confidence, then persuade him to tip his hand. But we had no way in. The bureau chief, who had a reputation as a reporter with an abundant supply of juicy quotes and anecdotes (as the phrase at the magazine was then, and perhaps still is), was especially vexed.

It is not hard to convey the persona of Richard J. Daley, "Da Mare," the Boss of Bosses. He was then a purely local figure, a colossus in his own realm but not widely known else-

where. He seemed to combine the authority and mystery of Stalin with the all-seeing eye of your mother. Weeks would pass without a sighting, then he would erupt in the pages of The Tribune or The Daily News de-

## Daley couldn't understand why he wasn't re-elected unanimously.

nouncing some slander on the city's good name — the usual charges of payoffs, vote fraud, extortion or racketeering. Such accusations were, in his memorable phrase, "unwarranted slurs." He drew no distinction between his city and the machine; they were the same thing.

The health of Chicago was always superb and improving and would be more superb still if his ill-informed enemies would shut up. Why, the city was booming. Everyone could see the splendid results: old buildings torn down, new buildings put up. Everyone was sharing in the city's renaissance.

Daley believed he had contrived a pie with an infinite number of slices; a slice was yours for the asking, so long as you agreed to do the right thing at election time. I think he could not understand why he was not elected unanimously or, indeed, why mayoral elections were needed at all.

The pie was so large, and it was perversely to refuse your slice.

These are the facts as I remember them today. Perhaps they were not so clear in my mind in the summer of 1959 when I reported for work at the Newsweek bureau. I was 23 years old. What I didn't know would fill an encyclopedia. But I thought I had the solution to the magazine's problem.

Chicago was then turned in on itself, landlocked, the bathtub called Lake Michigan not a way out but a dead end. The region was caught in a cruel vise, the debauched coasts pressing in upon it and derisory of its "provincial squeamishness," in F. Scott Fitzgerald's phrase. Nothing Newsweek would not be his mouthpiece of choice. (It has to be said that Time would have been even worse.)

But if somehow someone could find his ear or, better yet, lead him to that ear — well then, wouldn't that be beneficial all around? The Mayor would have a megaphone to the out-

side world and that someone would have a solid gold source that would pay dividends in perpetuity.

My great-grandfather, George B. Swift, was Mayor of Chicago. Family lore has it that the great park in back of the Art Institute was to be named Swift Park until he insisted it be named for his personal hero, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Stories of Mayor Swift's tenure in City Hall were not plentiful but his benevolent spirit put in an occasional appearance at our dinner table.

Can it not be said that politics, like blue eyes or vast wealth, is a legacy that is passed on through the generations? Were not Richard J. Daley and I in a certain sense kin?

I believed that if we could only meet, long dormant ancestral memories would assert themselves and the Mayor and I would form the kind of friendship in which the cards are dealt face up — the kind of friendship in which you don't have to finish your sentences, so complete is the mutual confidence and understanding.

This Mayor needed a translator. And I was just the fellow to supply the language.

So I approached one of his aides and in due course a meeting was arranged. Fifteen minutes, tops. I

remember the office as small and nondescript. The Mayor was out at all nondescript, a burly, heavy-faced, immaculately barbered figure who put out his hand, withdrew it at once and settled into his chair without a word.

Then he said, "What do you want?"

I said I wanted to meet him, admired him for years, et cetera, my own family, mother's side, Chicagoans for generations...

He looked at me sideways, his fingers on the lapel of his suit coat, the coat of a thick serge that could stop a machine gun bullet.

"As a matter of fact, my great-grandfather was Mayor of Chicago."

"That so? Which one?"

"George B. Swift."

"Republican, wasn't he?" the Mayor snarled, settling back in his chair, his fingers flicking an imaginary ash from his lapel. No need to ask who or what the ash represented.

I never saw him again. But in a few days I'll be watching his boy, Richie, chat up Mr. Tom and Mr. Peter and Mr. Dan and all the lesser Toms, Peters and Dons. And I'll reflect just how far the news has come in 37 years. Richie Daley will not be wearing a vest; and he doesn't hold any cards, either.

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Running From the Past: Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder

By JON PARELES

IN 1996, politicians aren't the only ones running away from their past records. So are rock bands who worry about becoming too big and too predictable...

On Pearl Jam's fourth album, "No Code" (Epic), the band tries desperately to get away from the hard-rock muscle and deep-seated hooks that made it the most influential rock band of the 1990's.

In song after song, Eddie Vedder's lyrics grope for a way to escape a constricting identity. He wants "to transcend where we are," as he sings in "Who You Are," the album's first single.

On "No Code," the band rummages through rock, especially late-1960's rock, looking for a sequel to grunge. It's a scattered album, tentative and sometimes enervated...

Vedder wasn't having much fun anyway. No rock star has seemed more publicly burdened by his vocation than Vedder.

After that album came a reality check, a reminder of a band's limited power in the business world.

For most of the album, Vedder is isolated and morose, trying to cultivate detachment or to comfort himself with psychobabble and music.



Jeff Ament, left, Eddie Vedder and Stone Gossard of Pearl Jam, the most influential rock band of the 90's—Asking the fans to let its new songs sink in slowly.

radio. "It's all just inadvertent imitation," the guitarist Stone Gossard sings in "Mankind," a mocking new wave rocker.

America's most popular rock band had found a way to feel like an underdog anyway. But it is determined to change its music.

Yet more of the album is deliberately muted. "Sometimes," another song about this singer trying to "seek my part," might easily have been

turned into a broad-shouldered rocker; it has a riff, a repeating vocal phrase and a bridge that could climb toward an arena-rock peak.

forgive yourself/ Makes much more sense to live in the present tense. Around the self-help platitude, the band is restless and mercurial...

The album also echoes another side project, Neil Young's "Mirror

Ball," on which he was backed by Pearl Jam. The band must be impressionable; "Smile," starts out as a straightforward Young imitation...

Vedder isn't hiding his worries on "No Code." But too often, he falls into American culture's Disney syndrome, idealizing childhood innocence above all.

He has learned the meditative and dramatic potential of the drone. The album also echoes another side project, Neil Young's "Mirror

knows that it has to move on.

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From TV to Jane Austen

By TODD S. PURDUM

IT IS 10 o'clock in the morning, and Douglas McGrath is still waking up. "Any time before noon is a shock for me," he says...

This particular morning, Mr. McGrath could be forgiven for being in shock. He has just made his directorial debut with "Emma," one of the most ballyhooed movies of the year...

He is also nothing if not self-confident. He proposed to direct "Emma" with practically no directing experience since his college days...

"I don't really think the world and Woody's world are so different," he says. "It's a pretty small circle of society that they look at, the characters are very articulate in both worlds..."

"He made some statement I saw recently writing them off as youthful works, as opposed to his biting wit now," says Clark Gesner, a fellow Princeton graduate trustee and the author of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Mr. McGrath took his screenplay to the folks at Miramax, which had released "Bullets Over Broadway." They bit, and even agreed to let him direct.

How a wittily droll writer became director of 'Emma.'

Live," and after more than a decade kicking around in the business, he hit the big-time in 1994 writing the Oscar-nominated screenplay for "Bullets Over Broadway" with Woody Allen.

Mr. McGrath got his start in college writing original musicals for the Princeton Triangle Club, the venerable troupe whose alumni range from F. Scott Fitzgerald to James Stewart and Jose Ferrer.

From there, Mr. McGrath wound up at "Saturday Night" during the first fallow year after John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd and company left, a time he says that "helped teach the nation it wasn't such a good idea to hurry home from that party and watch the show."

But the experience brought him an enduring friendship with a fellow writer, Patricia Marx, who not only urged him to read "Emma" but eventually collaborated with him on a novel, "Blockbuster," which purported to be the true tale of a Spielbergian director's effort to win acclaim as a serious artist by adapting "The Pilgrim's Progress" for the screen.

ASPIRATIONS

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- ACROSS 1 Stretch 6 Adventure story 11 Understands 17 Even at Lillehammer 18 Dazzle 19 Variety of hornless beef cattle 21 Nathan after sunbathing? 23 Sideshow collection 25 Garfield's middle name 26 Ending with talk 27 Like Lorraine, of song 28 Certain child: Abbr. 29 Elvis's record label 30 Fair offering 31 Worked on pumps 32 Retail 33 A person 35 Exhortation to a tailor? 37 One from the heart 38 Cologne crowd? 39 Historic caravan 40 Yahoo 41 1919 Peace Nobelist 42 Begins to brighten 44 Econ. yardstick 45 Soapstone constituent 46 Drop-leaf table feature 49 Expected 50 Stay away from 52 Book after Joel 56 Cleared the tape 57 Scissors alternative? 59 Pusher catcher 60 Musicians Jackson and Puente 61 Deflect, with "off" 62 Bring down the house 63 Not so important 64 Bomber letters 65 Backpacker's slogan? 67 City near Milwaukee 68 Salon treatment 69 Red in the middle 70 Citrus cooler 71 Dependable source of income 72 Rather 74 Priori, in poetry 75 "I've—Be Me" (1969 hit) 76 Some kibbutzniks 79 Firm 81 Ocean filer 82 Walkway for Plato 86 School 87 Pebble Beach bunker material? 89 Gardening sci. 90 Straight: Prefix 91 Strips for breakfast

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

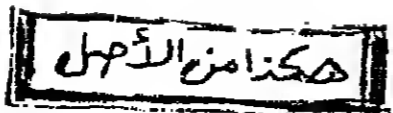
A grid of letters corresponding to the answers of the previous puzzle.

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# Lloyd's appeals after US judge blocks reorganization plan

RICHMOND, Va. (Reuters) - A US district judge issued a preliminary injunction on the weekend delaying the reorganization plan of insurance giant Lloyd's of London, but the firm's chairman said an appeal had been filed.

Lloyd's reorganization plan was linked to having investors fund a newly formed reinsurance company, Equitas, but some became skeptical, claiming Lloyd's would not provide them with sufficient information and thus breached US securities laws.

US District Court Judge Robert Payne agreed and ordered Lloyd's to give the information to investors within a month. Payne ruled the 93 US investors in the case would suffer irreparable harm if the preliminary injunction was denied.

"The defendant's [Lloyd's] motion to dismiss is denied and the plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction is granted," the judge said in his written ruling.

Investors, whom Lloyd's calls Names - individuals who pledge their assets to back the insurance

olicies sold at Lloyd's - were being asked to pay up to \$150,000 each to help fund Equitas, which would take responsibility for \$12.4 billion in losses from asbestos, pollution, and disaster claims between 1988-1992.

The ruling effectively blocks creation of Equitas and Lloyd's has until September 23 to see that American Names receive information on Equitas.

There are 2,700 US Names and nearly 34,000 worldwide.

Following the decision, Lloyd's Chairman David Rowland said in a statement issued in London: "We regret the decision reached in the Virginia District Court. We have lodged an immediate appeal, which is likely to be heard early in the next week in order that we should be able to proceed with our reconstruction program."

Lloyd's lawyer, Harvey Pitt, of a Washington law firm, called the order "surprising and disappointing."

In Friday's order, Judge Payne also ruled that the injury the plain-

# Optimism on rate cuts boosts stocks

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



STOCKS jumped for a second straight session yesterday as investors were optimistic that the central bank would cut interest rates when it sets policy today.

A number of stocks traded in both New York and Tel Aviv have risen since Wednesday, the last trading day on Wall Street to affect stocks here.

That boosted companies like Koor Industries Ltd., Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

Investors are also looking ahead to corporate earnings reports from key companies this week like Koor, Israel Corp. and IDB Holdings.

"The whole ball of wax is interest rates," said Mark Meiras, analyst at Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya.

A trader at the firm said that if the cut "is not at least 0.5 percent, it's a disaster," Meiras said. "If they drop something like 0.5%, the market won't move. If they drop 0.7, the market will be mildly pleased. If 1%, it will rise but not a lot."

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## Oil in demand, other items see little trade

### COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) World commodity prices mostly ended a dull week little changed on Friday but with crude oil close to its highest level for four months on signs of firm demand.

London October futures for the international benchmark Brent Blend of crude were trading in London at around \$20.60 per barrel.

Analysts said Brent so far this year has averaged \$2 a barrel more than 1995's \$16.94, defying expectations that a surge in supplies would outweigh extra demand.

They cited stronger-than-expected demand growth for oil products this year from China, other Asian nations, Latin America and the US.

The industrial metals on the London Metal Exchange had an uncertain week, with the flagship copper contract trading in a narrow range between \$1,900 and \$1,970 per tonne.

Copper was helped higher on Friday by book-squaring ahead of a three-day British holiday weekend.

Traders said bouts of short covering lifted copper from a low of \$1,932 to \$1,949, a \$14 gain from Thursday, but the market never seriously attempted to break from its range.

Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) wheat futures were scarcely changed from a week ago around \$4.50 per bushel.

London robusta coffee futures closed easier with the nearby September contract down \$24 per tonne from Thursday at \$1,685, after edging above \$1,700 a week ago on prospects of tighter supply.

Producers have sold into the rally, but technical analysts do not rule out a fresh advance next week.

Critical resistance over \$1,700 has now seen a more serious challenge and there is an increasing opinion it will be cleared," said Eli Gifford in the latest weekly futures summary from Investment Research in Cambridge.

## Indian official: Phone privatization to proceed

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India will not allow a widening corruption investigation focusing on a former government minister to slow an ambitious telephone privatization program, a minister was quoted as saying over the weekend.

Communications Minister Beni Prasad Verma said he expected the dismantling of the government's monopoly over the telecommunications sector to continue, despite a corruption case against his predecessor, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Former communications minister Sukh Ram was still being sought by investigators on Saturday, a week after federal agents discovered more than \$1 million in cash in raids on two of his homes.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has accused Sukh Ram, who served as communications minister until May when his Congress party lost general elections, of favoring a firm in the awarding of a large contract. The

## Taiwan plans to curb China investment if relations deteriorate

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan is prepared to restrict local manufacturers' investments in China if relations between Taipei and Beijing deteriorate, a local evening newspaper reported yesterday.

The island's top economic planning agency has drawn up measures, including altering its policy to restrict Taiwanese investment in the mainland, if tensions heightened in the Taiwan Strait, the *China Times Express* said.

The newspaper, quoting a report by the cabinet's Council for Economic Planning and Development, said the government would also consider helping Taiwan businesses diversify their China-bound investments to southeast Asia and seek international support.

Some 30,000 Taiwanese businesses have poured more than US\$20 billion into China since the

## China forex reserves rise to 2nd in world

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China boasted the world's second largest foreign exchange reserves at a record \$90.8 billion in July, surpassing Taiwan but still far behind Japan's massive external reserves, official data released over the weekend showed.

Reserves in China were expected to reach nearly \$100 billion by the end of 1996, against \$73.597 billion at the end of 1995, central bank officials said.

In a report in the *China Securities* newspaper, Dai said that annual inflation could be tamed at between seven and eight percent this year, against an official 10% target and 14.8% in 1995, as the economy continued its rapid expansion after recent rate cuts.

The governor, in a positive assessment of the economy at a meeting in Beijing on Friday, said gross domestic product growth might exceed 9% in 1996, against an original target of 8%.

But he said the central bank would still keep a firm hold on monetary policy, despite Thursday's reduction in bank deposit and lending rates by an average of 1.5 and 1.2 percentage points respectively.

"Over the next several years, we will still adopt an appropriate tight monetary policy," he said.

Dai said the rate cut was possible because of a sharp fall in consumer prices, which helped drive down the annual inflation rate to 5.8% in July, and said the easing would benefit the management of loss-making state companies.

The debt-to-equity ratio of

TEL AVIV STOCKS		Multi-sided trading		Two-sided trading		MORNING	
Name	Price	% Change	Volume	Name	Price	% Change	Volume
Bank Leumi	148.00	0.0	100	Bank Leumi	148.00	0.0	100
Bank Hapoalim	132.00	0.0	100	Bank Hapoalim	132.00	0.0	100
Bank Mizrahi	120.00	0.0	100	Bank Mizrahi	120.00	0.0	100
Bank Discount	110.00	0.0	100	Bank Discount	110.00	0.0	100
Bank Hapoalim	100.00	0.0	100	Bank Hapoalim	100.00	0.0	100

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## Treasury asks banking sector for \$200 million

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ROME (Reuters) Italy's deputy prime minister was quoted yesterday as saying European countries should consider the possibility of re-thinking the criteria for European Monetary Union (EMU).

Walter Veltroni said Italy should not take any unilateral moves to delay joining a single European currency, but added that a recession in Europe had made the task of meeting criteria harder for a number of countries.

"We should not give in to the temptation of a unilateral detachment from Maastricht," he told the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper.

"The sacrifices of these past years would be wasted."

"But now there is something new. The recession in Europe. Therefore a question of the excessive severity of the criteria for the single currency exists," he said.

Under the Maastricht Treaty on European integration, governments must bring their 1997 budget deficits close to three percent of total output and put their outstanding debt levels on a sustainable path towards 60% of GDP.

Veltroni said a number of countries were having difficulties with unemployment.

"We must see if it might not be the right thing to sit around a table to rediscuss the criteria or their interpretation or maybe even the timing of monetary union," he said.

Veltroni, a member of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left - the biggest party in Prime Minister Romano Prodi's coalition - said Italy should not unilaterally seek a renegotiation of the treaty.

"No. But we have to confront the problem together with our partners," he said, adding that he preferred informal contacts on the matter rather than official initiatives.

Veltroni appeared to be responding in part to comments last Friday by Fiat Chairman Cesare Romiti, who said Italy could accept a delay in joining EMU, which is due to start in 1999, if this would help boost employment.

A number of European Union governments are expected to come under close scrutiny in September as they unveil their 1997 budgets, a key step in their attempt to meet the preconditions of a single currency.

Prodi said earlier this month that Maastricht criteria and was not worried if Italy enters a bit late.

Prodi has already called for some flexibility of EMU entry requirements.

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